
SENATE BILL 5502

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By Senator Haugen; by request of Marine Employees' Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to a salary survey report by the marine employees'
2 commission; amending RCW 47.64.220; adding a new section to chapter
3 42.17 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.64.220 and 1989 c 327 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Prior to collective bargaining, the marine employees'
8 commission shall conduct a salary survey. The results of the survey
9 shall be published in a report which shall be a public document
10 comparing wages, hours, employee benefits, and conditions of employment
11 of involved ferry employees with those of public and private sector
12 employees in states along the west coast of the United States,
13 including Alaska, and in British Columbia doing directly comparable but
14 not necessarily identical work, giving consideration to factors
15 peculiar to the area and the classifications involved. Such survey
16 report shall be for the purpose of disclosing generally prevailing
17 levels of compensation, benefits, and conditions of employment. It
18 shall be used to guide generally but not to define or limit collective
19 bargaining between the parties. The commission shall make such other

1 findings of fact as the parties may request during bargaining or
2 impasse.

3 (2) Salary and employee benefit information collected from private
4 employers that identifies a specific employer with the salary and
5 employee benefit rates which that employer pays to its employees is not
6 subject to public disclosure under chapter 42.17 RCW.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 Salary and employee benefit information collected under RCW
10 47.64.220(1) and described in RCW 47.64.220(2) is exempt from
11 disclosure under this chapter.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1, chapter . . ., Laws of 1999
13 (section 1 of this act) is a clarification of existing law and applies
14 retroactively.

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