

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5502**

56th Legislature  
1999 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate April 20, 1999  
YEAS 46 NAYS 0

---

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 12, 1999  
YEAS 94 NAYS 0

---

**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

---

**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

---

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5502** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

---

**Secretary**

FILED

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

---

**SENATE BILL 5502**

---

AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

Passed Legislature - 1999 Regular Session

**State of Washington                      56th Legislature                      1999 Regular Session**

**By Senator Haugen; by request of Marine Employees' Commission**

Read first time 01/25/1999. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

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) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, salary  
4 and employee benefit information collected from private employers that  
5 identifies a specific employer with the salary and employee benefit  
6 rates which that employer pays to its employees is not subject to  
7 public disclosure under chapter 42.17 RCW.

8 (3) A person or entity, having reason to believe that the salary  
9 survey results are inaccurate, may submit a petition to the state  
10 auditor requesting an audit of the data upon which the salary survey  
11 results are based. The state auditor shall review and analyze all data  
12 collected for the salary survey, including proprietary information, but  
13 is prohibited from disclosing the salary survey data to any other  
14 person or entity, except by court order.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17 Salary and employee benefit information collected under RCW  
18 47.64.220(1) and described in RCW 47.64.220(2) is exempt from  
19 disclosure under this chapter except as provided in RCW 47.64.220.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Section 1, chapter . . ., Laws of 1999  
21 (section 1 of this act) is a clarification of existing law and applies  
22 retroactively.

--- END ---