

5094-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Oke, Jacobsen, B. Sheldon, Bauer, Gardner, T. Sheldon, Fairley, Fraser, Winsley, McAuliffe, Long, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Costa, Haugen and McCaslin)

Brief Title: Concerning personal flotation devices.

**SB 5094-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/19/99)

Declares that no person shall operate a vessel under nineteen feet in length on the waters of this state with a child twelve years old and under, unless the child is wearing a United States coast guard approved personal floatation device, of the appropriate size, while the vessel is underway.

Provides that the following circumstances are excepted: (1) While a child is below deck or in the cabin of a boat with an enclosed cabin;

(2) while a child is on a United States coast guard inspected passenger-carrying vessel operating on the navigable waters of the United States; or

(3) while on board a vessel at a time and place where no person would reasonably expect a danger of drowning to occur.