

6430-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Spanel, Eide, Fairley, Kline, Jacobsen, McAuliffe and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Changing tank vessel oil spill prevention measures.

SB 6430-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises oil tanker oil spill prevention measures.

Finds that the 1975 legislative requirement of tug escorts for all laden, single-hull tank vessels operating east of New Dungeness, as augmented by federal law, has greatly improved navigational safety in the eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca and Rosario Strait. Extension of this proven safety measure to other vessel traffic that impacts tank vessel navigational safety and westward to the mouth of the strait by locating a dedicated oil spill prevention tug or implementation of other effective safety measures will similarly improve navigational safety and correct a growing safety gap in the marine navigation system.