

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5121

As Passed House:

April 4, 2001

Title: An act relating to correcting references to the former office of marine safety.

Brief Description: Correcting references to the former office of marine safety.

Sponsors: By Senators Regala, Morton, Oke, Eide, Fraser and Jacobsen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Agriculture & Ecology: 3/20/01, 3/29/01 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 4/4/01, 93-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Corrects existing references in the RCW to the former Office of Marine Safety.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ECOLOGY

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 14 members: Representatives G. Chandler, Republican Co-Chair; Linville, Democratic Co-Chair; Cooper, Democratic Vice Chair; Mielke, Republican Vice Chair; B. Chandler, Delvin, Dunshee, Grant, Hunt, Kirby, Quall, Roach, Schoesler and Sump.

Staff: Jason Callahan (786-7117).

Background:

In 1991 the Legislature created the Office of Marine Safety and assigned to it the responsibility for regulating oil tankers and other vessels for the purpose of preventing oil spills. Authority for land-based oil facilities and spill response was assigned to the Department of Ecology (DOE). In 1997 the responsibilities, authority, and personnel of the Office of Marine Safety was consolidated into the DOE.

The consolidation abolished the Office of Marine Safety and the position of the administrator of the Office of Marine Safety. However, the 1997 legislation did not

remove all references to the administrator and Office of Marine Safety from the RCW.

Summary of Bill:

Existing references in the RCW to the former Office of Marine Safety are removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This is a technical clean-up bill that helps the successful merger of the Office of Marine Safety with the Department of Ecology.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Senator Regala, prime sponsor; and Stan Norman, Department of Ecology.