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Sponsor(s): Senators Fraser, Swecker, Spanel, Patterson, Thibaudeau, Hargrove, Gardner, Costa, Prentice, Eide, Franklin, Regala, Jacobsen, Kline and Kohl-Welles

Brief Description: Petitioning Congress to strengthen vessel safety standards.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/13/02)

Requests that Congress act expeditiously to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to make clear that states have the authority to adopt additional oil tanker, barge, and cargo vessel operating requirements that are supplemental to and not inconsistent with regulations adopted by the United States Coast Guard.

Requests that the United States Coast Guard act immediately to strengthen its tanker vessel safety standards by adopting measures similar to Washington state's standards, including those relating to tanker crew training, accident reporting, navigation watch practices, and deck officer English-language proficiency, that the United States Supreme Court held to be preempted by Congressional intent.