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SENATE BILL 5898

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By Senators Oke, Doumit, Esser, Jacobsen, Swecker, Fraser and Shin

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1            AN ACT Relating to recreational boating; and creating a new  
2 section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** Because of the number of recreational  
5 boating accidents, fatalities, and near misses on the waters of this  
6 state, the Washington state legislature believes there is a need to  
7 provide for safer recreational boating practices.

8            The legislature therefore directs the Washington state parks and  
9 recreation commission and the boating safety advisory council to  
10 research and recommend ways to reduce boating accidents, fatalities,  
11 and near misses. The Washington state parks and recreation commission  
12 should also include in its research recognition of the need for  
13 homeland security safety precautions for boaters.

14            The Washington state parks and recreation commission shall  
15 investigate a variety of methods to achieve safer boating practices,  
16 including a program of mandatory safe boater education, identifying the  
17 costs associated with designing, implementing, and maintaining  
18 mandatory safe boater education, and identifying all potential sources

1 of funds to pay for such costs and report back to the legislature by  
2 January 1, 2004.

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