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Brief Description: Studying recreational boating safety.

SB 5898 - DIGEST

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Directs the Washington state parks and recreation commission and the boating safety advisory council to research and recommend ways to reduce boating accidents, fatalities, and near misses. The Washington state parks and recreation commission should also include in its research recognition of the need for homeland security safety precautions for boaters.

Requires the Washington state parks and recreation commission to investigate a variety of methods to achieve safer boating practices, including a program of mandatory safe boater education, identifying the costs associated with designing, implementing, and maintaining mandatory safe boater education, and identifying all potential sources of funds to pay for such costs and report back to the legislature by January 1, 2004.