

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Funding the board of pilotage commissioners' training program.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Haugen).

Senate Committee on Transportation

House Committee on Transportation

Background: To protect marine environments, and prevent loss of human lives and damage to property, Washington established compulsory pilotage provisions related to vessels in certain state waters. The Board of Pilotage Commissioners (Board) administers the pilotage provisions. Among the Board's responsibilities is the establishment of a comprehensive training program to assist in the training and evaluation of pilot applicants before final licensing. In furtherance of its duties, the Board created a pilotage training program. According to the rules promulgated by the Board, trainees enrolled in the pilotage training program may receive a monthly stipend, and pilot training surcharges are collected for each vessel assignment to fund the trainee stipends.

No agency may expend funds in excess of the amount appropriated by law for a particular purpose. The Office of Financial Management (OFM) is responsible for managing the cash flow of public funds.

Summary: The authority of the Board to pay stipends to the trainees enrolled in the pilotage training program is clarified. The clarification of the Board's authority is retroactively effective to December 1, 2005. The amount of the Board's current appropriation is increased by \$600,000. Of the additional appropriation, \$500,000 is restricted to stipend payments to trainees participating in the pilotage training program.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47	0
House	96	0

Effective: March 14, 2006