
HOUSE BILL 2042

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1 AN ACT Relating to Seattle-Bremerton ferry service; adding a new
2 section to chapter 47.60 RCW; creating a new section; providing an
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the goal of the state of Washington to
6 provide adequate ferry capacity in corridors where service elements
7 have been eliminated or reduced. In the case of the Seattle-Bremerton
8 ferry corridor, the elimination of passenger-only services has caused
9 significant inconveniences to the traveling public including reduced
10 service frequency and service hours and crowded conditions for
11 passenger-on auto ferries.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.60 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 The department shall assign two super-class ferry vessels or
15 equivalent vessels in terms of auto and passenger capacity and speed to
16 the Seattle-Bremerton ferry run. This action is aimed at improving
17 service in the corridor in order to provide greater passenger capacity

1 during peak periods and provide once-hourly frequency of service, which
2 must include a 5:20 a.m. departure from Bremerton.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
5 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
6 on the date the Washington State Ferries implements the 2005 summer
7 schedule.

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