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SENATE BILL 6870

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By Senator Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the board of pilotage commissioners' training  
2 program; amending RCW 88.16.035; amending 2005 c 313 s 204  
3 (uncodified); making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 88.16.035 and 2005 c 26 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The board of pilotage commissioners shall:

8 ~~((1))~~ (a) Adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, necessary  
9 for the enforcement and administration of this chapter;

10 ~~((2)(a))~~ (b)(i) Issue training licenses and pilot licenses to  
11 pilot applicants meeting the qualifications provided for in RCW  
12 88.16.090 and such additional qualifications as may be determined by  
13 the board;

14 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Establish a comprehensive training program to assist  
15 in the training and evaluation of pilot applicants before final  
16 licensing; and

17 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Establish additional training requirements, including  
18 a program of continuing education developed after consultation with

1 pilot organizations, including those located within the state of  
2 Washington, as required to maintain a competent pilotage service;

3 ((+3)) (c) Maintain a register of pilots, records of pilot  
4 accidents and other history pertinent to pilotage, along with a roster  
5 of vessels, agents, owners, operators, and masters necessary for the  
6 maintenance of a roster of persons interested in and concerned with  
7 pilotage and maritime safety;

8 ((+4)) (d) Determine from time to time the number of pilots  
9 necessary to be licensed in each district of the state to optimize the  
10 operation of a safe, fully regulated, efficient, and competent pilotage  
11 service in each district;

12 ((+5)) (e) Annually fix the pilotage tariffs for pilotage services  
13 performed aboard vessels as required by this chapter: PROVIDED, That  
14 the board may fix extra compensation for extra services to vessels in  
15 distress, for awaiting vessels, or for being carried to sea on vessels  
16 against the will of the pilot, and for such other services as may be  
17 determined by the board;

18 ((+6)) (f) File annually with the governor and the chairs of the  
19 transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives a  
20 report which includes, but is not limited to, the following: The  
21 number, names, addresses, ages, pilot license number, training license  
22 number, and years of service as a Washington licensed pilot of any  
23 person licensed by the board as a Washington state pilot or trainee;  
24 the names, employment, and other information of the members of the  
25 board; the total number of pilotage assignments by pilotage district,  
26 including information concerning the various types and sizes of vessels  
27 and the total annual tonnage; the annual earnings or stipends of  
28 individual pilots and trainees before and after deduction for expenses  
29 of pilot organizations, including extra compensation as a separate  
30 category; the annual expenses of private pilot associations, including  
31 personnel employed and capital expenditures; the status of pilotage  
32 tariffs, extra compensation, and travel; the retirement contributions  
33 paid to pilots and the disposition thereof; the number of groundings,  
34 mishaps, or other incidents which are reported to or investigated by  
35 the board, and which are determined to be accidents, as defined by the  
36 board, including the vessel name, location of incident, pilot's or  
37 trainee's name, and disposition of the case together with information  
38 received before the board acted from all persons concerned, including

1 the United States coast guard; the names, qualifications, time  
2 scheduled for examinations, and the district of persons desiring to  
3 apply for Washington state pilotage licenses; summaries of dispatch  
4 records, quarterly reports from pilots, and the bylaws and operating  
5 rules of pilotage organizations; the names, sizes in deadweight tons,  
6 surcharges, if any, port of call, name of the pilot or trainee, and  
7 names and horsepower of tug boats for any and all oil tankers subject  
8 to the provisions of RCW 88.16.190 together with the names of any and  
9 all vessels for which the United States coast guard requires special  
10 handling pursuant to their authority under the Ports and Waterways  
11 Safety Act of 1972; the expenses of the board; and any and all other  
12 information which the board deems appropriate to include;

13 ((+7)) (g) Publish a manual which includes the pilotage act and  
14 other statutes of Washington state and the federal government which  
15 affect pilotage, including the rules of the board, together with such  
16 additional information as may be informative for pilots, agents,  
17 owners, operators, and masters. Such manual shall be distributed  
18 without cost to all pilots and governmental agencies upon request. All  
19 other copies shall be sold for a five dollar fee with proceeds to be  
20 credited to the pilotage account;

21 ((+8)) (h) Appoint advisory committees and employ marine experts  
22 as necessary to carry out its duties under this chapter;

23 ((+9)) (i) Provide for the maintenance of efficient and competent  
24 pilotage service on all waters covered by this chapter; and do such  
25 other things as are reasonable, necessary, and expedient to insure  
26 proper and safe pilotage upon the waters covered by this chapter and  
27 facilitate the efficient administration of this chapter.

28 (2) The board may pay stipends to pilot trainees under subsection  
29 (1)(b) of this section.

30 **Sec. 2.** 2005 c 313 s 204 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
31 follows:

32 **FOR THE BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS**

33 Pilotage Account--State Appropriation . . . . .	(( <del>\$417,000</del> ))
34	<u>\$917,000</u>

35 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
36 conditions and limitations: \$500,000 of the appropriation is provided

1 solely for stipends to trainees in the training program as set forth in  
2 rules adopted by the board.

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 immediately.

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