
Ecology & Parks Committee

HB 2697

Brief Description: Revising marine transfer rules.

Sponsors: Representative Dickerson.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Directs the Department of Ecology to revise current rules for oil and fuel transfers on marine waters.

Hearing Date: 1/30/08

Staff: Jaclyn Ford (786-7339).

Background:

The Department of Ecology (DOE) has standards for conducting ship refueling and bunkering operations, lightering of petroleum products, and transferring oil between an onshore or offshore facility to a tank vessel. Standards include having containment and recovery equipment readily available for the possible discharge of oil into Washington waters. Every person providing bunkering, refueling, or lightering services has the responsibility to provide any containment or recovery equipment. Each facility's contingency plan must also include the procedures used to contain and recover discharges.

Summary of Bill:

The DOE standards will include performance-based methods to conduct refueling, bunkering, lightering operations, and oil transfers while protecting the water. The standards will also include provisions that consider the historical risks associated with individual facilities or groups of facilities.

The DOE will adopt additional rules as necessary.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.