

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1084

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Government Operations & Elections, March 29, 2007

Title: An act relating to designating the Lady Washington as the official ship of the state of Washington.

Brief Description: Designating the Lady Washington as the official ship of the state of Washington.

Sponsors: Representatives Blake, VanDeWege, Kessler, Takko, Morrell, Curtis, Eickmeyer, Moeller, McCoy, Pettigrew, Haigh, Simpson, Lantz, Upthegrove, B. Sullivan, Linville, Hunt, Conway, Kenney, Wallace and Santos.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/12/07, 94-0.

Committee Activity: Government Operations & Elections: 3/29/07 [DP, w/oRec].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Kline, Pridemore and Swecker.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senators Oemig, Vice Chair; Roach, Ranking Minority Member and Benton.

Staff: Sharon Swanson (786-7447)

Background: The Lady Washington is a reproduction sailing ship of the original Washington/Lady Washington that sailed from approximately 1750-1798. Her vessel type is a "brig," indicating the configuration of the sails. The Lady Washington was built over a two-year period and launched on March 7, 1989. The ship was designed by Ray Wallace and built in Aberdeen by the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority.

The Lady Washington is owned and operated by the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Public Development Authority based in Aberdeen. The Office of the Secretary of State for the state of Washington holds a mortgage on the vessel to secure the investment of the people of Washington.

Summary of Bill: Designates the Lady Washington as the official ship of the state of Washington.

Appropriation: None.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: We thank the committee for taking the time to hear this bill. This is a very important bill and we request that you pass the legislation on.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Blake, prime sponsor; Les Bolton, Grays Harbor Historical Seaport.