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By Representatives Rolfes, Appleton, and Hudgins

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1            AN ACT Relating to the provision of ferry service by port  
2 districts; and amending RCW 47.01.350, 47.60.645, 47.60.662, and  
3 53.08.295.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.01.350 and 2007 c 223 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) The department of transportation shall establish a ferry grant  
8 program subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this  
9 specific purpose. The purpose of the grant program is to provide  
10 operating or capital grants for ferry systems as provided in chapters  
11 36.54 (~~and~~), 36.57A, and 53.08 RCW to operate passenger-only ferry  
12 service.

13            (2) In providing grants under this section, the department may  
14 enter into multiple year contracts with the stipulation that future  
15 year allocations are subject to the availability of funding as provided  
16 by legislative appropriation.

17            **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.60.645 and 2006 c 332 s 1 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

1        There is hereby established in the transportation fund the  
2 passenger ferry account. Money in the account shall be used for  
3 operating or capital grants for ferry systems as provided in chapters  
4 36.54 (~~and~~), 36.57A, and 53.08 RCW. Moneys in the account shall be  
5 expended with legislative appropriation.

6        **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.60.662 and 2007 c 223 s 3 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8        The Washington state ferry system shall collaborate with new and  
9 potential passenger-only ferry service providers, as described in  
10 chapters 36.54 (~~and~~), 36.57A, and 53.08 RCW, for terminal operations  
11 at its existing terminal facilities.

12        **Sec. 4.** RCW 53.08.295 and 1980 c 110 s 3 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14        A port district may acquire, lease, construct, purchase, maintain,  
15 and operate passenger carrying vessels on Puget Sound, interstate  
16 navigable rivers of the state, and intrastate waters of adjoining  
17 states. Service provided shall be under terms, conditions, and rates  
18 to be fixed and approved by the port commission. Operation of such  
19 vessels shall be subject to applicable state and federal laws  
20 pertaining to such service.

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