

ESSB 5352 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-3031.2/09) **523**

By Representative Seaquist

WITHDRAWN 4/10/2009

1 On page 28, after line 19, insert the following:
2 "(9) The Washington state ferries shall undertake a special
3 cost cutting effort to include but not be limited to the following
4 measures: the elimination of all on-site consultants; the imposition
5 of a \$5 million per biennium cap on consulting contracts; the phased
6 reduction of overall headquarters staff to a ceiling of not more
7 than ten percent of total Washington ferries full time equivalent
8 employees by June 30, 2010, and not more than six percent by June
9 30, 2011; and the implementation of all feasible cost saving
10 measures developed by on-going labor-management consultations. The
11 savings identified shall be reported to the legislature by October
12 1, 2009. In addition, the department shall propose by January 1,
13 2010, a program by which Washington state ferries may implement a
14 "process engineering" program modeled on current industry best
15 practices to continue to develop and implement cost reductions and
16 service improvements."
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EFFECT: Directs the Ferries Division of the Department of Transportation to make operating budget savings and report identified savings to the Legislature by October 1, 2009. Directs the Ferries Division to propose a "process engineering" model based on industry best practices to continue to implement cost reductions and service improvements.

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