SSB 5352 - S AMD
   By Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Haugen

ADOPTED 04/01/2009

1   On page 27, after line 23, insert the following:

2   "(7) As a priority task, the Washington state ferries is directed

3 to propose a comprehensive incident and accident investigation policy

4 and appropriate procedures, and to provide the proposal to the

5 legislature by November 1, 2009, using existing resources and staff

6 expertise. In addition to consulting with ferry system unions and the

7 United States coast guard, the Washington state ferries is encouraged

8 to solicit independent outside expertise on incident and accident

9 investigation best practices as they may be found in other

10 organizations with a similar concern for marine safety. The proposed

11 policy must contain, at a minimum:

12   (a) The definition of an incident and an accident and the type of

13 investigation that is required by both types of events;

14   (b) The process for appointing an investigating officer or officers

15 and a description of the authorities and responsibilities of the

16 investigating officer or officers;

17   (c) The process of working with the affected employee or employees

18 in accordance with the employee's or employees' respective collective

19 bargaining agreement and the appropriate union officials, within

20 protocols afforded to all public employees;

21   (d) The process by which the United States coast guard is kept

22 informed of, interacts with, and reviews the investigation;

23   (e) The process for review, approval, and implementation of any

24 approved recommendations within the department; and

25   (f) The process for keeping the public informed of the

26 investigation and its outcomes, in compliance with any affected

27 employee's or employees' respective collective bargaining agreement and

28 state laws and rules regarding public disclosure under chapter 42.56

29 RCW."

EFFECT: The Washington state ferries is directed to propose to

the legislature comprehensive incident and accident investigation policies and procedures.

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