Transportation Committee

HB 2271

Brief Description: Authorizing state forces to perform work on ferry vessels or terminals when estimated costs are less than one hundred twenty thousand dollars.

Sponsors: Representatives Liias, Rodne, Sells, Clibborn, Johnson, Takko, Van De Wege, Springer, Williams, Finn, Nelson, Seaquist and Simpson; by request of Department of Transportation.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows state work forces to maintain and preserve Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) ferry vessels and terminals if the estimated cost of the work is less than $120,000, as opposed to the current limit of $60,000.

Hearing Date: 1/14/10

Staff: Debbie Driver (786-7143).

Background:

State highways may be constructed, altered, repaired, or improved by state work forces or by contractors. The work may be done by state work forces when:
- estimated costs are less than $60,000; or
- estimated costs are less than $100,000 and delay of the project would jeopardize a state highway or constitute a danger to the traveling public.

The WSDOT Ferries Division has a maintenance facility located at Eagle Harbor on Bainbridge Island. The WSDOT employees at the site perform maintenance and preservation work on ferry vessels and terminals within the contracting limits in state law.

Summary of Bill:

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.

State work forces may construct, alter, repair, or improve the WSDOT ferry vessels and terminals if the estimated cost of the work is less than $120,000.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: 2009 Fiscal Note Available.

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