

**SB 6109-S2 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that it is the intent of the legislature that:  
(1) Final recommendations from the joint transportation committee ferry study, submitted to the legislature during the 2009 regular legislative session, be enacted by the legislature and implemented by the department of transportation as soon as practicable in order to benefit from the efficiencies and cost savings identified in the recommendations; and

(2) The act, the 2009-2011 omnibus transportation appropriations act, and subsequent transportation appropriations acts serve as vehicles for enacting these recommendations in order to maximize the utilization of existing capacity and to make the most efficient use of existing assets and tax dollars.

Makes various additional policy changes aimed at further efficiencies and cost savings.

Requires the department of transportation to prioritize vessel preservation and acquisition funding requests over vessel improvement funding requests.

Requires signs to be displayed at each terminal and on each vessel that inform the public that assaults on state employees will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Abolishes the marine employees' commission and transfers its powers, duties, and functions to the public employment relations commission.

Repeals statutes relating to Washington state ferries providing passenger-only ferry service; construction of vessels that have already been built; and exhausted bond authorities.