

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5689

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Transportation, February 24, 2011

Title: An act relating to boarding benefits on a certain ferry route.

Brief Description: Concerning boarding benefits on a certain ferry route.

Sponsors: Senators Ranker and Haugen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/17/11, 2/24/11 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; White, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Minority Member; Fain, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Delvin, Eide, Ericksen, Hill, Hobbs, Litzow, Nelson, Prentice, Ranker, Sheldon, Shin and Swecker.

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: The Washington State Ferries System (WSF) has a policy whereby it provides preferential boarding benefits to various customers, including patients who are traveling for medical treatment. In WSF's capital appropriations are funds to build and implement a reservation system.

Summary of Bill: WSF must provide the same preferential boarding benefits to home health care workers on the San Juan Inner Island Ferry Route that are provided to patients traveling for medical treatment until such time as a reservation system is in place.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.