

**HB 2656 - DIGEST**

Establishes the ferry accountability reform act.

Creates the Washington state ferry communities advisory committee to advise the transportation commission in the annual process of setting ferry fares.

Requires the department of transportation to: (1) Provide staff assistance to the advisory committee; and

(2) Provide the advisory committee with Washington state ferries operating cost and fare revenue scenario details.

Requires the legislature to set a farebox recovery rate in the biennial transportation budget at a ceiling of no more than seventy-three percent of the total Washington state ferries operating costs.

Requires the Washington state ferries, working with the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee and other relevant offices, to develop an improved online ferry system operating budget display and an organizational chart of personnel assignments.