
HOUSE BILL 2758

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating an advisory board for the Washington
2 state ferry system; and adding a new section to chapter 47.60 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.60 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1)(a) A ferries advisory board must be created to provide guidance
7 regarding the operation of the Washington state ferry system. The
8 advisory board must be composed of one voting member from each county
9 in the state in which there is a terminus of the state ferry system.
10 The county council of each such county must appoint a representative to
11 the advisory board. The advisory board may also include a nonvoting
12 member who is a representative of any Canadian regional district in
13 which there is a terminus of the state ferry system who must be
14 appointed, if at all, by the board of directors of such regional
15 district.

16 (b) The governor must appoint a person to serve as a voting member
17 and as chair of the advisory board.

18 (c) The advisory board may take action only if a quorum is present
19 and the action is approved by a majority of the voting members who are

1 present. A quorum is deemed present throughout any meeting of the
2 advisory board if a majority of the voting members appointed to the
3 advisory board are present.

4 (d) Members of the advisory board must serve without compensation,
5 except advisory board members may be reimbursed for travel expenses
6 incurred in carrying out the duties of the advisory board in accordance
7 with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

8 (2) At the first meeting of the ferries advisory board, the voting
9 members must draw lots to determine the length of their initial terms.
10 In drawing lots, three members must serve a one-year term, three
11 members must serve a two-year term, and three members must serve a
12 three-year term. After a voting member's initial term, the voting
13 member must serve a three-year term and may be reappointed to the
14 advisory board by the appropriate authority listed in subsection (1) of
15 this section.

16 (3)(a) The ferries advisory board must serve in an advisory
17 capacity to the commission on matters related to the fare-setting
18 process. The advisory board must also advise the secretary of
19 transportation on matters related to the management of the ferry
20 system, including system efficiencies and the relationship between
21 labor and management.

22 (b) In completing the duties listed in (a) of this subsection, the
23 advisory board must consult with the ferry advisory committees created
24 in RCW 47.60.310.

25 (4) The department must provide necessary support to the ferries
26 advisory board, including relevant documents requested by the advisory
27 board, a location in which the advisory board may hold meetings, and
28 administrative support.

29 (5) The ferries advisory board must hold its first meeting by
30 December 1, 2014. Thereafter, meetings must be held quarterly, and
31 members of the public must be given an opportunity to provide input at
32 the beginning of each meeting. At least one meeting a year must be
33 held in a community outside of King county that is served by a
34 Washington state ferry vessel.

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