

SB 5307 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 47.56.725 and 1999 c 269 s 12 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The department is hereby authorized to enter into a
6 continuing agreement with Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties
7 pursuant to which the department shall, from time to time, direct the
8 distribution to each of the counties the amounts authorized in
9 subsection (2) of this section in accordance with RCW 46.68.090.

10 (2) The department is authorized to include in each agreement a
11 provision for the distribution of funds to each county to reimburse
12 the county for fifty percent of the deficit incurred during each
13 previous fiscal year in the operation and maintenance of the ferry
14 system owned and operated by the county. The total amount to be
15 reimbursed to Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties collectively shall
16 not exceed one million eight hundred thousand dollars in ~~((any))~~ the
17 2015-2017 biennium. For subsequent biennia, the amount authorized in
18 this section must increase by the fiscal growth factor as defined in
19 RCW 43.135.025. Each county agreement shall contain a requirement
20 that the county shall maintain tolls on its ferries at least equal to
21 ~~((tolls))~~ published fares in place on January 1, ~~((1990))~~ 2015,
22 excluding surcharges.

23 (3) The annual fiscal year operating and maintenance deficit, if
24 any, shall be determined by Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties
25 subject to review and approval of the department. The annual fiscal
26 year operating and maintenance deficit is defined as the total of
27 operations and maintenance expenditures less the sum of ferry toll
28 revenues and that portion of fuel tax revenue distributions which are
29 attributable to the county ferry as determined by the department.
30 Distribution of the amounts authorized by subsection (2) of this
31 section by the state treasurer shall be directed by the department
32 upon the receipt of properly executed vouchers from each county.

1 (4) The county road administration board may evaluate requests by
2 Pierce, Skagit, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom counties for county ferry
3 capital improvement funds. The board shall evaluate the requests and,
4 if approved by a majority of the board, submit the requests to the
5 legislature for funding out of the amounts available under RCW
6 46.68.090(~~(1)(j)~~) (2)(h). Any county making a request under this
7 subsection shall first seek funding through the public works trust
8 fund, or any other available revenue source, where appropriate."

9 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Modifies the restriction on maintaining tolls at the
January 1, 2015, amount to instead require that the published fares
excluding any surcharge must be maintained at the January 1, 2015,
amount.

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