

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESHB 1844

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning work performed on ferry vessels and terminals.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Moscoso, Kochmar, Clibborn, Fey, Appleton, Ortiz-Self and Tarleton).

**House Committee on Transportation**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation**

### **Background:**

The Washington State Ferries (WSF) division of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) operates and maintains ferry vessels and terminals, constructs terminals, and acquires vessels. The system serves eight Washington counties and one Canadian province through 23 vessels and 20 terminals.

As part of the marine highway system, the WSF is subject to a \$60,000 limit on work that can be performed by state forces on state highways.

Since March 15, 2010, the dollar limit was increased by the Legislature to \$120,000, except for a brief period between July 1, 2013 and March 14, 2014 when the dollar limit was \$60,000.

Through June 30, 2015, the WSF is subject to a \$120,000 limit on work that can be performed by state forces on state highways.

### **Summary:**

The dollar threshold is permanently increased for work that may be performed on ferry vessels and terminals by state forces from \$60,000 to \$100,000.

For work between \$100,000 and \$200,000, the WSDOT must first contact contractors on their small works roster to gauge their interest and availability to do the work. The contractors have 72 hours to respond to the WSDOT. If any contractor is interested and capable to do the work, the WSDOT must follow the small works roster procedures. If no qualified contractors respond with interest and availability, the WSDOT may use its regular

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contracting procedures. Additionally, if the Secretary of Transportation determines that the work to be completed is an emergency, then the WSDOT procedures governing emergencies apply.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	98	0	
Senate	49	0	(Senate amended)
House	98	0	(House concurred)

**Effective:** July 1, 2015