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SENATE BILL 6054

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By Senator Hunt

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the department of transportation to  
2 complete a study on passenger-only ferry services; and creating new  
3 sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the increasing  
6 strain on road infrastructure in the Puget Sound area and the need  
7 for alternative strategies to provide reliable regional travel times.  
8 The legislature also recognizes the unique geography of the Puget  
9 Sound area and the potential to further utilize its waterways as  
10 travel options.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department shall complete a consultant  
12 study on the feasibility, need, and potential governance and funding  
13 structures for passenger-only ferry service between the cities of  
14 Olympia and Seattle. The study shall include consideration of a  
15 direct fast service and a slower service with additional limited  
16 stops. The department shall work with stakeholders, including origin  
17 and destination transit agencies, cities, and transportation planning  
18 organizations, and submit a final study to the transportation  
19 committees of the legislature by January 7, 2019.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    If specific funding for the purposes of  
2 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
3 provided by June 30, 2018, in the supplemental omnibus transportation  
4 appropriations act, this act is null and void.

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