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**HOUSE BILL 2641**

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**By** Representatives Fey, Valdez, Lekanoff, Doglio, Tharinger, Pollet, and Macri

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing cities to provide passenger-only  
2 ferry service; and adding a new chapter to Title 35 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Any city having a boundary located on  
5 Puget Sound or Lake Washington may establish, finance, and provide  
6 passenger-only ferry service, including associated services to  
7 support and augment passenger-only ferry service operation, within  
8 its boundaries. For the purposes of this chapter, Puget Sound has the  
9 same meaning as described in RCW 36.57A.200.

10 (2) Before a city may provide passenger-only ferry service, it  
11 must develop a passenger-only ferry investment plan, which must  
12 include elements regarding operating or contracting for the operation  
13 of passenger-only ferry services; the purchase, lease, or rental of  
14 ferry vessels and dock facilities for the provision of transit  
15 service; and identifying other activities necessary to implement the  
16 plan. The passenger-only ferry investment plan must also set forth  
17 terminal locations to be served, consistency with any study developed  
18 through the Puget Sound regional council for regional service,  
19 projected costs of providing services, and revenues to be generated  
20 from tolls, locally collected tax revenues, and other revenue  
21 sources. The passenger-only ferry investment plan may recommend

1 additional revenue authority that has not yet been authorized under  
2 state law.

3 (3) The passenger-only ferry investment plan must ensure that  
4 services provided under the plan are for the benefit of the residents  
5 of the city. The city may use any of its powers to carry out this  
6 purpose, unless otherwise prohibited by law. In addition, the city  
7 may enter into contracts and agreements to operate passenger-only  
8 ferry service, as well as appropriate public-private partnerships  
9 including, but not limited to, design-build, general contractor/  
10 construction management, or other alternative procurement processes  
11 substantially consistent with chapter 39.10 RCW.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act constitutes a new  
13 chapter in Title 35 RCW.

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