
Community & Economic Development Committee

HJM 4002

Brief Description: Supporting the Jones Act.

Sponsors: Representatives Berry, Hoff, Ryu, Sells, Valdez, Graham, Klicker, Macri, Santos, Pollet and Frame.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Affirms the Legislature's support for the Jones Act (Act) and celebrates the Act's centennial anniversary.

Hearing Date: 1/19/22

Staff: Cassie Jones (786-7303).

Background:

Section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, also known as the Jones Act (Act), regulates the transportation of merchandise by water between two points in the United States (U.S.). The Act requires that cargo shipped between U.S. ports is shipped solely aboard vessels that are built in the U.S., registered in the U.S., owned by U.S. citizens, and operated by Americans. The stated objective of the Act is to encourage and aid in the development and maintenance of a merchant marine sufficient to carry out U.S. commerce, and capable of serving as a naval and military auxiliary in time of war or national emergency. The Act is named after Senator Wesley Jones, a U.S. Senator from Washington state, who introduced the legislation in 1920.

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Act. The Legislature resolves that copies of the House Joint Memorial are immediately transmitted to the U.S. Senators and Representatives elected by the citizens of Washington state.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: