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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6794**

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**By** Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Spanel, Shin, and Rockefeller; by request of Governor Gregoire)

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1       AN ACT Relating to the procurement of new ferry vessels that carry  
2 no more than one hundred motor vehicles; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 47.56 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Washington's marine highways provide vital  
6 transportation links between communities. Citizens, businesses, and  
7 visitors depend on the state's ferry system to provide safe, dependable  
8 auto and passenger service in order to conduct daily life and commerce  
9 activities. On November 20, 2007, the secretary of the department of  
10 transportation ordered the eighty-year old steel electric class vessels  
11 to be immediately removed from service because previously undetected  
12 corrosion and pitting in the vessel hulls posed a risk to the safety of  
13 passengers and crew. The emergency removal of the state ferry system's  
14 steel electric class vessels has imposed a significant hardship on the  
15 citizens and businesses served by those vessels. Therefore, an  
16 expedited procurement is required for the construction of new vessels  
17 to fully restore service to routes previously served by the steel  
18 electric class vessels.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 47.56 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) The department shall construct one or more new ferry vessels  
4 for service on routes that require a vessel that carries no more than  
5 one hundred motor vehicles.    The department shall include in the  
6 procurement of the new vessels a requirement that the vessels be  
7 constructed within the boundaries of the state of Washington, except  
8 that equipment furnished by the state and components, products, and  
9 systems that are standard manufactured items are not subject to the in-  
10 state requirement under this subsection.

11        (2) For purposes of this section, "constructed" means:    The  
12 fabrication, by the joining together by welding or fastening, of all  
13 steel parts from which the total vessel is constructed including, but  
14 not limited to, all shell frames, longitudinals, bulkheads, webs,  
15 piping runs, wire ways, and ducting.    "Constructed" also means (a) the  
16 installation of all components and systems including, but not limited  
17 to, equipment and machinery, castings, electrical, electronics, deck  
18 covering, lining, paint, and joiner work required by the contract and  
19 (b) the interconnection of all equipment, machinery, and services, such  
20 as piping, wiring, and ducting.

21        (3) The procurement of the new ferry vessels must also include a  
22 requirement that all warranty work on the vessels be performed within  
23 the boundaries of the state of Washington, insofar as practicable.

24        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
26 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
27 immediately.

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