
Transportation Committee

HB 1652

Brief Description: Eliminating a requirement that certain ferry vessels be constructed within the boundaries of the state of Washington.

Sponsors: Representatives Rolfes, Morris, Eddy, Takko, Ericksen, Nelson, Van De Wege, Quall, Kessler, Haigh and Moeller.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminates a requirement that ferry vessels that can carry up to 100 autos must be built in Washington.

Hearing Date: 2/2/09

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Background:

The 2008 Legislature authorized the construction of one or more new ferry vessels for service on routes that require a vessel with no more than 100-auto capacity. The procurement was limited to construction within the boundaries of the State of Washington, with exceptions for owner-furnished equipment and standard manufactured items.

The 2008 Supplemental Transportation Budget and associated 16-year capital plan included \$84.5 million for the construction of three marine vessels to replace the steel electric auto-ferry vessels.

To be eligible for federal funds, a project may not restrict competition to in-state companies only.

Summary of Bill:

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The requirement to construct the no more than 100-auto ferries in the State of Washington is eliminated. The authorization to construct new ferries is changed to eliminate a reference to routes served by the ferries.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 29, 2009.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.