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## Transportation Committee

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### SSB 6095

**Brief Description:** Clarifying that retirement costs continue to be authorized as a charge included in the Puget Sound pilotage district tariff.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Swecker).

#### Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Requires the Board of Pilotage Commissioners to fix a charge in the Puget Sound pilotage district tariff that covers the retirement costs incurred in the prior year for pilot retirement plans.
- Indicates that the state is not obligated to fund or pay retirement payments to current or retired pilots.

**Hearing Date:** 3/17/09

**Staff:** David Munnecke (786-7315)

#### Background:

The Board of Pilotage Commissioners (Board) is required to provide for the maintenance of efficient and competent pilotage service on the waters of the Puget Sound pilotage district and the Grays Harbor pilotage district. To this end, the Board examines the proficiency of potential pilots, licenses pilots, enforces the use of pilots, sets pilotage rates, investigates reported accidents involving pilots, and keeps records of matters affecting pilotage, in addition to various other duties required by law.

#### Summary of Bill:

As part of its annual tariff setting process for pilotage services, the Board must fix a charge in the Puget Sound pilotage district tariff that covers various retirement costs incurred in the prior year

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for pilot retirement plans. The state, however, is not obligated to fund or pay any portion of the of the retirement payments for current or retired pilots.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.