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Synopsis as Enacted

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).

Senate Committee on Transportation House Committee on Transportation

Background: Under current law, the Board of Pilotage Commissioners (Board) must 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, keeps records of various matters affecting pilotage, and performs various other duties as required by law.

Summary: As part of its annual tariff (rate) setting process for pilotage services, the Board may fix a charge in the Puget Sound pilotage district tariff that covers various retirement costs incurred in the prior year for pilot retirement plans.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 37 9

House 95 2 (House amended) Senate 41 8 (Senate concurred)

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