

SB 6519-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Transfers certain duties and responsibilities from the board of pilotage commissioners to the utilities and transportation commission.

Requires the commission to: (1) Establish the pilotage tariffs for pilotage services, beginning July 1, 2019;

(2) Establish extra compensation for extra services to vessels in distress, for awaiting vessels, for vessels in direct transit to or from a Canadian port where Puget Sound pilotage is required for a portion of the voyage, or for being carried to sea on vessels against the will of the pilot;

(3) As an element of the Puget Sound pilotage district tariff, considering pilot retirement expenses incurred in the prior year in the Puget Sound pilotage district; and

(4) In setting tariffs, include a tariff surcharge to fund the stipend the board of pilotage commissioners is authorized to pay to pilot trainees and to use in its pilot training program.

Requires the board of pilotage commissioners to provide assistance to the commission, as requested by the commission, in its performance of pilotage tariff setting functions.

Prohibits the state from being obligated to fund or pay for any portion of retirement payments for pilots or retired pilots.

Requires a port district to include a charge in its tariff until such time as the pilot retirement agreement expenses for Grays Harbor pilotage district pilots employed before October 1, 2001, are no longer owed.

Allows expenditures from the pilotage account to be used by the utilities and transportation commission for purposes related to pilotage tariff rate setting.