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SENATE BILL 5192

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By Senators Kohl, Wood, Haugen, Oke, Spanel, Sheldon and Prentice

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1            AN ACT Relating to interest on retroactive compensation increases  
2 to marine employees; and amending RCW 47.64.120.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.64.120 and 1983 c 15 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) Ferry system management and ferry system employee  
7 organizations, through their collective bargaining representatives,  
8 shall meet at reasonable times, to negotiate in good faith with respect  
9 to wages, hours, working conditions, insurance, and health care  
10 benefits as limited by RCW 47.64.270, and other matters mutually agreed  
11 upon. Employer funded retirement benefits shall be provided under the  
12 public employees retirement system under chapter 41.40 RCW and shall  
13 not be included in the scope of collective bargaining.

14            (2) Upon ratification of bargaining agreements, ferry employees are  
15 entitled to an amount equivalent to the interest earned on retroactive  
16 compensation increases. For purposes of this section, the interest  
17 earned on retroactive compensation increases is the same monthly rate  
18 of interest that was earned on the amount of the compensation increases  
19 while held in the state treasury. The interest will be computed for

1 each employee until the date the retroactive compensation is paid, and  
2 must be allocated in accordance with appropriation authority. The  
3 interest earned on retroactive compensation is not considered part of  
4 the ongoing compensation obligation of the state. Negotiations shall  
5 also include grievance procedures for resolving any questions arising  
6 under the agreement, which shall be embodied in a written agreement and  
7 signed by the parties.

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