

2096-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler and K. Schmidt)

Brief Title: Consolidating the state's oil spill prevention program.

**HB 2096-S.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that the merger of the office of marine safety with the department of ecology will:

(1) Ensure coordination via streamlining the marine safety functions of two agencies into one;

(2) Provide a focused prevention and response program under a single administration;

(3) Generate efficient incident command response capability and continue to meet the challenges threatening marine safety and the environment; and

(4) Increase accountability to the public, the executive branch, and the legislature.