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Sponsor(s): Representatives Chandler and K. Schmidt

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

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

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.