

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5277

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As of February 5, 2001

**Title:** An act relating to prohibiting the sale of alcohol on state ferries.

**Brief Description:** Prohibiting the sale of alcohol on state ferries.

**Sponsors:** Senators Shin, Swecker, Haugen, Eide, Regala, Gardner and Long.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/5/01.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Jennifer Strus (786-7484)

**Background:** The ferry system is part of the highway system. It is illegal to operate a motor vehicle after drinking alcohol. Some people who ride the ferries drink alcohol on the ferry and operate their vehicles once they arrive at their destination.

**Summary of Bill:** The sale of liquor on all Washington State ferries is prohibited. This prohibition cannot impair existing contracts the ferry system has with the entities providing alcohol on the ferries.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.