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1            AN ACT Relating to sale of ferry tickets and medium; amending RCW  
2 47.64.120; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature intends to enable the  
5 Washington state ferry system to authorize other entities to sell  
6 tickets and medium for passage on Washington state ferries. This will  
7 increase convenience for customers and help reduce congestion at ferry  
8 ticket booths.

9            **Sec. 2.**    RCW 47.64.120 and 1997 c 436 s 1 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11            (1)    Ferry system management and ferry system employee  
12 organizations, through their collective bargaining representatives,  
13 shall meet at reasonable times, to negotiate in good faith with respect  
14 to wages, hours, working conditions, insurance, and health care  
15 benefits as limited by RCW 47.64.270, and other matters mutually agreed  
16 upon.

1       (a) Employer funded retirement benefits shall be provided under the  
2 public employees' retirement system under chapter 41.40 RCW and shall  
3 not be included in the scope of collective bargaining.

4       (b) Ferry system ticket and medium sales are not the exclusive work  
5 jurisdiction of a ferry system employee organization, and the  
6 authorization of other entities to sell ferry medium may not be  
7 included in the scope of collective bargaining.

8       (2) Upon ratification of bargaining agreements, ferry employees are  
9 entitled to an amount equivalent to the interest earned on retroactive  
10 compensation increases. For purposes of this section, the interest  
11 earned on retroactive compensation increases is the same monthly rate  
12 of interest that was earned on the amount of the compensation increases  
13 while held in the state treasury. The interest will be computed for  
14 each employee until the date the retroactive compensation is paid, and  
15 must be allocated in accordance with appropriation authority. The  
16 interest earned on retroactive compensation is not considered part of  
17 the ongoing compensation obligation of the state and is not  
18 compensation earnable for the purposes of chapter 41.40 RCW.  
19 Negotiations shall also include grievance procedures for resolving any  
20 questions arising under the agreement, which shall be embodied in a  
21 written agreement and signed by the parties.

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