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GARY F. LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6181** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK

Secretary

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By Senators B. Sheldon, Horn, Spanel, Haugen and Gardner

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing Washington state ferry fares to be
2 increased in excess of the fiscal growth factor; amending RCW
3 47.60.326; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.60.326 and 1999 c 94 s 27 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) In order to maintain an adequate, fair, and economically sound
8 schedule of charges for the transportation of passengers, vehicles, and
9 commodities on the Washington state ferries, the department of
10 transportation each year shall conduct a full review of such charges.

11 (2) Prior to February 1st of each odd-numbered year the department
12 shall transmit to the transportation commission a report of its review
13 together with its recommendations for the revision of a schedule of
14 charges for the ensuing biennium. The commission on or before July 1st
15 of that year shall adopt as a rule, in the manner provided by the
16 Washington administrative procedure act, a schedule of charges for the
17 Washington state ferries for the ensuing biennium commencing July 1st.
18 The schedule may initially be adopted as an emergency rule if necessary
19 to take effect on, or as near as possible to, July 1st.

1 (3) The department in making its review and formulating
2 recommendations and the commission in adopting a schedule of charges
3 may consider any of the following factors:

4 (a) The amount of subsidy available to the ferry system for
5 maintenance and operation;

6 (b) The time and distance of ferry runs;

7 (c) The maintenance and operation costs for ferry runs with a
8 proper adjustment for higher costs of operating outmoded or less
9 efficient equipment;

10 (d) The efficient distribution of traffic between cross-sound
11 routes;

12 (e) The desirability of reasonable commutation rates for persons
13 using the ferry system to commute daily to work;

14 (f) The effect of proposed fares in increasing walk-on and
15 vehicular passenger use;

16 (g) The effect of proposed fares in promoting all types of ferry
17 use during nonpeak periods;

18 (h) Such other factors as prudent managers of a major ferry system
19 would consider.

20 (4) If at any time during the biennium it appears that projected
21 revenues from the Puget Sound ferry operations account and any other
22 operating subsidy available to the Washington state ferries will be
23 less than the projected total cost of maintenance and operation of the
24 Washington state ferries for the biennium, the department shall
25 forthwith undertake a review of its schedule of charges to ascertain
26 whether or not the schedule of charges should be revised. The
27 department shall, upon completion of its review report, submit its
28 recommendation to the transportation commission which may in its sound
29 discretion revise the schedule of charges as required to meet necessary
30 maintenance and operation expenditures of the ferry system for the
31 biennium or may defer action until the regular annual review and
32 revision of ferry charges as provided in subsection (2) of this
33 section.

34 (5) The provisions of RCW 47.60.330 relating to public
35 participation shall apply to the process of revising ferry tolls under
36 this section.

37 (6) Under RCW 43.135.055, the transportation commission may
38 increase ferry tolls included in the schedule of charges adopted under
39 this section by a percentage that exceeds the fiscal growth factor.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 immediately.

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