

HB 2983-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the utilities and transportation commission to establish the pilotage tariffs for pilotage services provided under the pilotage act.

Allows the commission to: (1) Establish extra compensation for extra services to vessels in distress, for awaiting vessels, for all vessels in direct transit to or from a Canadian port where Puget Sound pilotage is required for a portion of the voyage, for being carried to sea on vessels against the will of the pilot, and for other services as may be determined by the commission; and

(2) As an element of the Puget Sound pilotage district tariff, consider pilot retirement expenses incurred in the prior year in either pilotage district.

Requires the board of pilotage commissioners to provide assistance to the commission, as requested by the commission, in its performance of pilotage tariff setting functions.

Requires a port district that provides pilotage services to: (1) Periodically establish pilotage tariffs for pilotage services provided under chapter 53.08 RCW;

(2) Release its pilotage budget, including the five-year capital spending plan, prior year pilotage financial statement, and the proposed pilotage tariff;

(3) File the pilotage tariff with the commission and the board following approval of the pilotage tariff by the port district commission;

(4) Include a pension charge in its tariff until the pilot retirement agreement expenses for Grays Harbor pilotage district pilots employed before October 1, 2001, are no longer owed; and

(5) Determine the pension charge owed as pilot retirement agreement expenses.

Prohibits the state from being obligated to fund or pay for any portion of retirement payments for pilots or retired pilots.

Creates the marine pilotage tariff setting account.