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**SB 5550** - H AMD **623**

By Representative Corry

**NOT ADOPTED 04/10/2023**

On page 4, after line 21, insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 47.60 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Washington state ferries may not require any person hired on or after the effective date of this section, or any prospective employee or applicant, as a condition of employment, to present proof that the person has received a vaccine for COVID-19 or any variant thereof.

(2) Any rule, order, or directive that requires a person hired by Washington state ferries on or after the effective date of this section or any prospective employee or applicant, to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment is unenforceable.

(3) For the purposes of this section "COVID-19" means a respiratory disease caused by the acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

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

Correct the title.

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|  | EFFECT: Prohibits Washington State Ferries (WSF) from requiring proof of vaccination as a condition of employment or for application for employment. Makes any rule requiring vaccination as a condition of employment with WSF unenforceable. Provides an emergency clause and an immediate effective date. |

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