

SB 5550 - H AMD 623

By Representative Corry

NOT ADOPTED 04/10/2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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22 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
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of employment with WSF unenforceable. Provides an emergency clause and an immediate effective date.

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