

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2050

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COUNTY FERRY SYSTEM FUNDING

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Speaker of the
House of Representatives

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JOEL PRITCHARD
President of the Senate

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BOOTH GARDNER
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2050** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

ALAN THOMPSON
Chief Clerk

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Meyers, Spanel and R. Johnson).

Read first time March 6, 1991.

1 AN ACT Relating to county ferry systems; and amending RCW 47.56.725
2 and 46.68.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.56.725 and 1984 c 7 s 286 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department is hereby authorized to enter into a continuing
7 agreement with Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties pursuant to which
8 the department shall, from time to time, direct the distribution to
9 each of the counties the amounts authorized in subsection (2) of this
10 section in accordance with RCW 46.68.100.

11 (2) The department is authorized to include in each (~~such~~
12 ~~continuing~~) agreement a provision for the distribution of funds to
13 each (~~such~~) county (~~funds~~) to reimburse the county for fifty
14 percent of the deficit incurred during each previous fiscal year in the
15 operation and maintenance of the ferry system owned and operated by the

1 county(~~(, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976)~~). The
2 total amount to be reimbursed to Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties
3 collectively shall not exceed (~~(five hundred thousand)~~) one million
4 dollars in any biennium. Each county agreement shall contain a
5 requirement that the county shall maintain tolls on its ferries at
6 (~~(levels sufficient to produce aggregate annual revenues at least equal~~
7 ~~to the annual revenue of the county's ferry system in calendar year~~
8 ~~1975)~~) least equal to tolls in place on January 1, 1990.

9 (3) The annual fiscal year operating and maintenance deficit, if
10 any, shall be determined by Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties
11 subject to review and approval of the department. The annual fiscal
12 year operating and maintenance deficit is defined as the total of
13 operations and maintenance expenditures less the sum of ferry toll
14 revenues and that portion of fuel tax revenue distributions which are
15 attributable to the county ferry as determined by the department.
16 Distribution of the amounts authorized by subsection (2) of this
17 section by the state treasurer shall be directed by the department upon
18 the receipt of properly executed vouchers from each county.

19 (4) The county road administration board may evaluate requests by
20 Pierce, Skagit, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom counties for county ferry
21 capital improvement funds. The board shall evaluate the requests and,
22 if approved by a majority of the board, submit the requests to the
23 legislature for funding out of the amounts available under RCW
24 46.68.100(3). Any county making a request under this subsection shall
25 first seek funding through the public works trust fund, or any other
26 available revenue source, where appropriate.

27 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.68.100 and 1986 c 66 s 1 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

1 From the net tax amount in the motor vehicle fund there shall be
2 paid monthly as funds accrue the following sums:

3 (1) To the cities and towns, to be distributed as provided by RCW
4 46.68.110, sums equal to six and ninety-two hundredths percent of the
5 net tax amount;

6 (2) To the cities and towns, to be expended as provided by RCW
7 46.68.115, sums equal to four and sixty-one hundredths percent of the
8 net tax amount;

9 (3) To the counties, sums equal to twenty-two and seventy-eight
10 hundredths percent of the net tax amount (a) out of which there shall
11 be distributed from time to time, as directed by the department of
12 transportation, those sums as may be necessary to carry out the
13 provisions of RCW 47.56.725, and (b) less any amounts appropriated to
14 the county road administration board to implement the provisions of RCW
15 47.56.725(4), with the balance of such county share to be distributed
16 monthly as the same accrues for distribution in accordance with RCW
17 46.68.120;

18 (4) To the urban arterial trust account in the motor vehicle fund,
19 sums equal to seven and twelve hundredths percent of the net tax
20 amount;

21 (5) To the state, to be expended as provided by RCW 46.68.130, sums
22 equal to forty-five and twenty-six hundredths percent of the net tax
23 amount;

24 (6) To the state, to be expended as provided by RCW 46.68.150 as
25 now or hereafter amended, sums equal to six and ninety-five hundredths
26 percent of the net tax amount;

27 (7) To the Puget Sound capital construction account in the motor
28 vehicle fund sums equal to three and twenty-one hundredths percent of
29 the net tax amount;

1 (8) To the Puget Sound ferry operations account in the motor
2 vehicle fund sums equal to three and fifteen hundredths percent of the
3 net tax amount.

4 Nothing in this section or in RCW 46.68.090 or 46.68.130 may be
5 construed so as to violate any terms or conditions contained in any
6 highway construction bond issues now or hereafter authorized by statute
7 and whose payment is by such statute pledged to be paid from any excise
8 taxes on motor and special vehicle fuels.

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