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SENATE BILL 6250

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By Senators Sheldon, Nelson, Vognild and Oke

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1            AN ACT Relating to ferry advisory committees; and amending RCW  
2 47.60.310.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.60.310 and 1988 c 100 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The department is further directed to conduct such review by  
7 soliciting and obtaining expressions from local community groups in  
8 order to be properly informed as to problems being experienced within  
9 the area served by the Washington state ferries. In order that local  
10 representation may be established, the department shall give prior  
11 notice of the review to the ferry advisory committees.

12            (2) The legislative authorities of San Juan, Skagit, Clallam, and  
13 Jefferson counties shall each appoint a committee to consist of five  
14 members to serve as an advisory committee to the department or its  
15 designated representative in such review. The legislative authorities  
16 of other counties that contain ferry terminals shall appoint ferry  
17 advisory committees consisting of three members for each terminal area  
18 in each county, except for Vashon Island, which shall have one  
19 committee, and its members shall be appointed by the Vashon/Maury

1 Island community council. At least one person appointed to each ferry  
2 advisory committee shall be representative of an established ferry user  
3 group or of frequent users of the ferry system. Each member shall  
4 reside in the vicinity of the terminal that the advisory committee  
5 represents.

6 (3) The members of the San Juan, Clallam, and Jefferson county  
7 ferry advisory committees shall be appointed for four-year terms. The  
8 initial terms shall commence on July 1, 1982, and end on June 30, 1986.  
9 Any vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by  
10 the appointing authority. At least one person appointed to the  
11 advisory committee shall be representative of an established ferry-user  
12 group or of frequent users of the ferry system, at least one shall be  
13 representative of persons or firms using or depending upon the ferry  
14 system for commerce, and one member shall be representative of a local  
15 government planning body or its staff. Every member shall be a  
16 resident of the county upon whose advisory committee he or she sits(~~(7~~  
17 ~~and not more than three members shall at the time of their appointment~~  
18 ~~be members of the same major political party))~~).

19 (4) The members of each terminal area committee shall be appointed  
20 for four-year terms. The initial terms of the members of each terminal  
21 area committee shall be staggered as follows: All terms shall commence  
22 September 1, 1988, with one member's term expiring August 31, 1990, one  
23 member's term expiring August 31, 1991, and the remaining member's term  
24 expiring August 31, 1992. Any vacancy shall be filled for the  
25 remainder of the unexpired term by the appointing authority. (~~(Not~~  
26 ~~more than two members of any terminal area committee may be from the~~  
27 ~~same political party at the time of their appointment, and in a county~~  
28 ~~having more than one committee, the overall party representation shall~~  
29 ~~be as nearly equal as possible.))~~)

30 (5) The chairmen of the several committees constitute an executive  
31 committee of the Washington state ferry users. The executive committee  
32 shall meet twice each year with representatives of the marine division  
33 of the department to review ferry system issues.

34 (6) The committees to be appointed by the county legislative  
35 authorities shall serve without fee or compensation.

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