

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved May 10, 1999

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5502** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senator Haugen; by request of Marine Employees' Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to a salary survey report by the marine employees'
2 commission; amending RCW 47.64.220; adding a new section to chapter
3 42.17 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.64.220 and 1989 c 327 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Prior to collective bargaining, the marine employees'
8 commission shall conduct a salary survey. The results of the survey
9 shall be published in a report which shall be a public document
10 comparing wages, hours, employee benefits, and conditions of employment
11 of involved ferry employees with those of public and private sector
12 employees in states along the west coast of the United States,
13 including Alaska, and in British Columbia doing directly comparable but
14 not necessarily identical work, giving consideration to factors
15 peculiar to the area and the classifications involved. Such survey
16 report shall be for the purpose of disclosing generally prevailing
17 levels of compensation, benefits, and conditions of employment. It
18 shall be used to guide generally but not to define or limit collective
19 bargaining between the parties. The commission shall make such other

1 findings of fact as the parties may request during bargaining or
2 impasse.

3 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, salary
4 and employee benefit information collected from private employers that
5 identifies a specific employer with the salary and employee benefit
6 rates which that employer pays to its employees is not subject to
7 public disclosure under chapter 42.17 RCW.

8 (3) A person or entity, having reason to believe that the salary
9 survey results are inaccurate, may submit a petition to the state
10 auditor requesting an audit of the data upon which the salary survey
11 results are based. The state auditor shall review and analyze all data
12 collected for the salary survey, including proprietary information, but
13 is prohibited from disclosing the salary survey data to any other
14 person or entity, except by court order.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 Salary and employee benefit information collected under RCW
18 47.64.220(1) and described in RCW 47.64.220(2) is exempt from
19 disclosure under this chapter except as provided in RCW 47.64.220.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Section 1, chapter . . . , Laws of 1999
21 (section 1 of this act) is a clarification of existing law and applies
22 retroactively.

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