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Sponsor(s): Representatives Kessler and Linville

Brief Description: Creating the rescue tug safety account.

**HB 3026 - DIGEST**

Finds that the recent placement of a rescue tug at Neah Bay has provided a valuable service, assisting disabled commercial vessels and preventing major oil spills.

Realizes that the tug may also escort high risk vessels, provide lifesaving capabilities, operate as a spill response deployment platform during major casualties, and assist during salvage operations.

Declares a belief that a dedicated fund should be established and funded to allow for the continuation of this proven safety measure.