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Sponsor(s): Senators Haugen and Oke; by request of Office of Financial Management

Brief Description: Procuring new auto ferries.

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Finds that a 2001 audit recommended that auto ferries, including vessels, be procured through use of a modified request for proposals process whereby the prevailing shipbuilder and Washington state ferries engage in a design and build partnership.

Declares this process promotes ownership of the design by the shipbuilder while utilizing the department of transportation's expertise in ferry design and operations.

Declares the purpose of this act is to authorize the department's use of a modified request for proposals process for procurement of four auto ferries, and to prescribe appropriate requirements and criteria to ensure that contracting procedures for this procurement process serve the public interest.