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HOUSE BILL 2117

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By Representatives McDermott and Cody

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1            AN ACT Relating to passenger-only ferry service; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 47.60 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.60 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            The department shall continue to operate and maintain passenger-  
7 only ferry service on existing routes and schedules, at least until  
8 June 30, 2005. By that date, the department shall prepare a report  
9 that includes a series of options to provide ongoing passenger-only  
10 service in the future, including but not limited to the following:

11            (1) The department would continue to provide the current level of  
12 service on the existing routes;

13            (2) The department would provide commuter service only on existing  
14 routes;

15            (3) The department would provide increased service on existing or  
16 new routes.

17            The report must include a review of operational issues, capital  
18 issues, and funding options for each series of service level options

1 evaluated. The department shall consult with affected communities and  
2 local, state, and federal agencies in preparing the report.

3 The department shall submit the report to the legislature by  
4 September 1, 2004.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
7 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
8 immediately.

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