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HOUSE BILL 3014

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1            AN ACT Relating to Seattle-Bremerton ferry service; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 47.60 RCW; creating a new section; providing an  
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** It is the goal of the state of Washington to  
6 provide adequate ferry capacity in corridors where service elements  
7 have been eliminated or reduced. In the case of the Seattle-Bremerton  
8 ferry corridor, the elimination of passenger-only services has caused  
9 significant inconveniences to the traveling public including reduced  
10 service frequency and service hours and crowded conditions for  
11 passenger-on auto ferries.

12            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.60 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14            The department shall assign two super-class ferry vessels or  
15 equivalent vessels in terms of auto and passenger capacity and speed to  
16 the Seattle-Bremerton ferry run. This action is aimed at improving  
17 service in the corridor in order to provide greater passenger capacity

1 during peak periods and provide once-hourly frequency of service, which  
2 must include a 5:20 a.m. departure from Bremerton.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
5 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
6 on the date the Washington State Ferries implements the 2004 summer  
7 schedule.

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