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SENATE BILL 6074

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By Senators Horn, Haugen, Swecker and Prentice

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1            AN ACT Relating to technical changes to passenger-only ferry  
2 service statutes; amending RCW 47.64.090; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 41.56 RCW; providing a contingent effective date; and declaring  
4 an emergency.

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

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.64.090 and 2003 c . . . (ESHB 1853) s 205 are each  
7 amended to read as follows:

8            USE OF STATE FERRY FACILITIES. (1) Except as provided in section  
9 203 (~~of this act~~), chapter . . . (ESHB 1853), Laws of 2003 and  
10 subsection (2) of this section, or as provided in section 303 (~~of this~~  
11 ~~act~~), chapter . . . (ESHB 1853), Laws of 2003 and subsection (3) of  
12 this section, if any party assumes the operation and maintenance of any  
13 ferry or ferry system by rent, lease, or charter from the department of  
14 transportation, such party shall assume and be bound by all the  
15 provisions herein and any agreement or contract for such operation of  
16 any ferry or ferry system entered into by the department shall provide  
17 that the wages to be paid, hours of employment, working conditions, and  
18 seniority rights of employees will be established by the marine

1 employees' commission in accordance with the terms and provisions of  
2 this chapter and it shall further provide that all labor disputes shall  
3 be adjudicated in accordance with chapter 47.64 RCW.

4 (2) If a public transportation benefit area meeting the  
5 requirements of section 201 (~~(of this act)~~), chapter . . . (ESHB 1853),  
6 Laws of 2003 has voter approval to operate passenger-only ferry  
7 service, it may enter into an agreement with Washington State Ferries  
8 to rent, lease, or purchase passenger-only vessels, related equipment,  
9 or terminal space for purposes of loading and unloading the passenger-  
10 only ferry. Charges for the vessels, equipment, and space must be fair  
11 market value taking into account the public benefit derived from the  
12 ferry service. A benefit area or subcontractor of that benefit area  
13 that qualifies under this subsection is not subject to the restrictions  
14 of subsection (1) of this section, but is subject to:

15 (a) The terms of those collective bargaining agreements that it or  
16 its subcontractors negotiate with the exclusive bargaining  
17 representatives of its or its subcontractors' employees under chapter  
18 41.56 RCW or the National Labor Relations Act, as applicable;

19 (b) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a requirement that the  
20 benefit area and any contract with its subcontractors, give  
21 preferential hiring to former employees of the department of  
22 transportation who separated from employment with the department  
23 because of termination of the ferry service by the state of Washington;  
24 and

25 (c) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a requirement that the  
26 benefit area and any contract with its subcontractors, on any questions  
27 concerning representation of employees for collective bargaining  
28 purposes, may be determined by conducting a cross-check comparing an  
29 employee organization's membership records or bargaining authorization  
30 cards against the employment records of the employer.

31 (3) If a ferry district is formed under section 301 (~~(of this~~  
32 ~~act)~~), chapter . . . (ESHB 1853), Laws of 2003 to operate passenger-  
33 only ferry service, it may enter into an agreement with Washington  
34 State Ferries to rent, lease, or purchase vessels, related equipment,  
35 or terminal space for purposes of loading and unloading the ferry.  
36 Charges for the vessels, equipment, and space must be fair market value  
37 taking into account the public benefit derived from the ferry service.

1 A ferry district or subcontractor of that district that qualifies under  
2 this subsection is not subject to the restrictions of subsection (1) of  
3 this section, but is subject to:

4 (a) (~~Subject to~~) The terms of those collective bargaining  
5 agreements that it or its subcontractors negotiate with the exclusive  
6 bargaining representatives of its or its subcontractors' employees  
7 under chapter 41.56 RCW or the National Labor Relations Act, as  
8 applicable;

9 (b) (~~Subject to~~) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a  
10 requirement(~~(, to be included by)~~) that the ferry district (~~(in)~~) and  
11 any contract with (~~the district's~~) its subcontractors, (~~to~~) give  
12 preferential hiring to former employees of the department of  
13 transportation who separated from employment with the department  
14 because of termination of the ferry service by the state of Washington;  
15 and

16 (c) (~~Subject to~~) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a  
17 requirement(~~(, to be included by)~~) that the ferry district (~~(in)~~) and  
18 any contract with (~~the district's~~) its subcontractors, (~~that~~) on  
19 any questions concerning representation of employees for collective  
20 bargaining purposes, may be determined by conducting a cross-check  
21 comparing an employee organization's membership records or bargaining  
22 authorization cards against the employment records of the employer.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 41.56 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 In addition to the entities listed in RCW 41.56.020, this chapter  
26 does apply to:

- 27 (1) Public employees of public transportation benefit areas  
28 providing passenger-only ferry service as provided in RCW 47.64.090;  
29 and  
30 (2) Public employees of ferry districts providing passenger-only  
31 ferry service as provided in RCW 47.64.090.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate  
33 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
34 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
35 immediately, but only if Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1853 has

1 become law. If Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1853 has not become  
2 law by June 30, 2003, this act is null and void.

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