

SB 5437-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that counties, cities, towns, and other municipalities shall have the right to construct bridges and trestles across waterways heretofore or hereafter laid out under the authority of the state of Washington, and over and across any tide or shore lands and harbor areas of the state adjacent thereto over which the projected line or lines of highway will run, if such bridges or trestles are constructed in good faith for the purpose of being made a part of the constructed line of such a highway, upon payment for any natural resources damages to those aquatic lands affected not already covered by an approved state or federal regulatory mitigation plan.

Declares that such a right must be granted by easement and no charge may be made to the county, city, town, or other municipality, for such an easement. The department may recover only its reasonable direct administrative costs incurred in processing and approving the request or application, and reviewing plans for construction of the bridge or trestle.

Requires that no later than December 1, 2008, the department shall deliver a report to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the senate and house of representatives regarding the collection of direct administrative costs as described in this act.