

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5739

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Transportation, March 1, 2007

Title: An act relating to vehicle idling in Washington state ferry holding areas.

Brief Description: Providing requirements for vehicle idling in Washington state ferry holding areas.

Sponsors: Senators Rockefeller and Kline.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/27/07, 3/01/07 [DP, DNP, w/oRec].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Eide, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kilmer and Spanel.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Benton, Berkey, Delvin, Holmquist, Kauffman and Sheldon.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Clements.

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: Current law is silent regarding idling vehicles in Washington State Ferries holding areas.

Summary of Bill: Owners of vehicles waiting in a Washington State ferries holding area are prohibited from idling gasoline-powered vehicles in excess of three consecutive minutes and diesel-powered vehicles in excess of five consecutive minutes. Various exemptions are provided.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This will help the environment by reducing the amount of needless vehicle idling while waiting to board ferries.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Rockefeller, prime sponsor.