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SENATE BILL 5971

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By Senator Carrell

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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating a requirement that certain ferry  
2 vessels be constructed within the boundaries of the state of  
3 Washington; amending RCW 47.56.780; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.56.780 and 2008 c 4 s 2 are each amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that Washington state has a strong  
8 shipbuilding industry, which can be competitive with the best shipyards  
9 across the nation. The federal government is poised to deliver a  
10 sizable transportation investment package to the states in the form of  
11 economic stimulus funds. In order to best position Washington's  
12 shipbuilding industry to receive some of those stimulus dollars to  
13 build ferry vessels, it is necessary to allow Washington's shipbuilding  
14 industry to compete with other shipyards across the nation for the  
15 construction of these vessels.

16 (2) The department shall construct one or more new ferry vessels  
17 ((for service on routes that require a vessel that carries)) that carry  
18 no more than one hundred motor vehicles. ((The department shall  
19 include in the procurement of the new vessels a requirement that the

1 vessels be constructed within the boundaries of the state of  
2 Washington, except that equipment furnished by the state and  
3 components, products, and systems that are standard manufactured items  
4 are not subject to the in-state requirement under this subsection.

5 (2) For purposes of this section, "constructed" means: The  
6 fabrication, by the joining together by welding or fastening, of all  
7 steel parts from which the total vessel is constructed including, but  
8 not limited to, all shell frames, longitudinals, bulkheads, webs,  
9 piping runs, wire ways, and ducting. "Constructed" also means (a) the  
10 installation of all components and systems including, but not limited  
11 to, equipment and machinery, castings, electrical, electronics, deck  
12 covering, lining, paint, and joiner work required by the contract and  
13 (b) the interconnection of all equipment, machinery, and services, such  
14 as piping, wiring, and ducting.

15 (3) The procurement of the new ferry vessels must also include a  
16 requirement that all warranty work on the vessels be performed within  
17 the boundaries of the state of Washington, insofar as practicable.))

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
20 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
21 immediately.

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