
SENATE BILL 6061

State of Washington 61st Legislature 2009 Regular Session

By Senators Kilmer, Ranker, and Rockefeller

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving Washington state ferry service by
2 modernizing ferry fleet and organization; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Following more than two years of study plus
5 extensive public input, and noting recent declines in ferry fleet size
6 and material readiness, the legislature finds that the current ferry
7 system is not fully meeting the service requirements of the communities
8 served by this network of "marine highways." The legislature also
9 notes that long-term resource requirements exceed current budget
10 projections. Accordingly, it is the explicit intent of the
11 legislature: To establish the levels of service that amply meet the
12 needs of the communities and statewide economy served by the ferry
13 system; to establish a framework for fleet and service modernization
14 that will support sustained ferry construction; to implement cost-
15 saving efficiencies; and to upgrade organizational effectiveness.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as

1 Washington's marine highway modernization act.

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