

EHB 1782 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 47.56.720 and 1992 c 82 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The legislature finds that the ferry operated by Wahkiakum
6 county between Puget Island and Westport on the Columbia river
7 provides (~~service which is primarily local in nature with secondary~~
8 ~~benefits to the state highway system in providing a bypass for state~~
9 ~~route 4 and providing~~) an important transportation bypass for state
10 route 4 and provides the only crossing of the Columbia river between
11 the Astoria-Megler bridge and the Longview bridge.

12 (2) The department is hereby authorized to enter into a
13 continuing agreement with Wahkiakum county pursuant to which the
14 department shall pay to Wahkiakum county from moneys appropriated for
15 such purpose monthly amounts not to exceed (~~eighty~~) 85 percent of
16 the operating and maintenance deficit with a maximum not to exceed
17 the amount appropriated for that biennium to be used in the operation
18 and maintenance of the Puget Island ferry, commencing July 1, 1992.

19 (3) The annual deficit, if any, incurred in the operation and
20 maintenance of the ferry shall be determined by Wahkiakum county
21 subject to the approval of the department. If (~~eighty~~) 85 percent
22 of the deficit for the preceding fiscal year exceeds the total amount
23 paid to the county for that year, the additional amount shall be paid
24 to the county by the department upon the receipt of a properly
25 executed voucher. (~~The total of all payments to the county in any~~
26 ~~biennium shall not exceed the amount appropriated for that~~
27 ~~biennium.~~) The fares established by the county shall be comparable
28 to those used for similar runs on the state ferry system.

29 (4) Whenever, subsequent to June 9, 1977, state route 4 between
30 Cathlamet and Longview is closed to traffic pursuant to chapter 47.48
31 RCW due to actual or potential slide conditions and there is no
32 suitable, reasonably short alternate state route provided, Wahkiakum

1 county is authorized to operate the Puget Island ferry on a toll-free
2 basis during the entire period of such closure. The state's share of
3 the ferry operations and maintenance deficit during such period shall
4 be (~~one hundred~~) 100 percent.

5 (5) Whenever state route 4 between Cathlamet and Longview is
6 closed to traffic, as mentioned in subsection (4) hereof, the state
7 of Washington shall provide temporary rest room facilities at the
8 Washington ferry landing terminal."

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9 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "ferry;" strike the
10 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 47.56.720."

EFFECT: Restores the limitation that payments do not exceed the
amount appropriated within the biennium.

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