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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the availability of passenger-only  
2 ferries by establishing the mosquito fleet act; amending RCW  
3 36.57A.222; reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092 and 43.84.092;  
4 adding a new chapter to Title 36 RCW; creating new sections;  
5 providing effective dates; providing an expiration date; and  
6 declaring an emergency.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Passenger-only ferry service is the  
9 fastest way to get boats on the water and build the capacity  
10 necessary to respond to Washington state ferries' service  
11 disruptions, which will alleviate the negative impacts that those  
12 disruptions and cancellations have on the people of Washington state.  
13 Increased passenger-only ferry service will also ensure reliable  
14 access to health care, education, and work for communities that are  
15 dependent on ferry service.

16 Bolstering passenger-only ferry capacity ahead of the FIFA world  
17 cup will help to ensure its success and bridge the gap in ferry  
18 capacity before the next Washington state ferries procurement cycle  
19 puts boats in the water. This will help tourism-dependent small  
20 businesses across the state, while honoring our state's commitment to  
21 environmental progress and helping Washingtonians travel and connect

1 without driving. Increased passenger-only ferry service will also  
2 support workforce development, by creating a workforce pipeline of  
3 hard-working mariners who can upgrade their licenses to take on  
4 larger vessels, including Washington state ferries and private sector  
5 opportunities.

6 The legislature, therefore, finds that additional passenger-only  
7 ferry service is necessary in order to improve the lives of all  
8 Washingtonians, while also honoring Washington's maritime heritage  
9 and the original mosquito fleet that helped build the Washington we  
10 love.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.57A.222 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 313 are each  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (1) A governing body of a county under Title 36 RCW, a port  
14 district under Title 53 RCW, a public transportation benefit area~~((~~  
15 ~~located in a county that only borders the western side of Puget Sound~~  
16 ~~with a population of more than two hundred thousand and contains one~~  
17 ~~or more Washington state ferries terminals))~~ under chapter 36.57A  
18 RCW, a city transit system under RCW 35.58.2721, a county  
19 transportation authority under chapter 36.57 RCW, a metropolitan  
20 municipal corporation transit system under chapter 36.56 RCW, an  
21 unincorporated transportation benefit area under RCW 36.57.100, or a  
22 regional transit authority under chapter 81.112 RCW, that borders or  
23 contains a navigable body of water, may establish one or more  
24 passenger-only ferry service districts within all or a portion of the  
25 boundaries of the ~~((public transportation benefit area))~~ entity  
26 establishing the passenger-only ferry service district. A passenger-  
27 only ferry service district may include all or a portion of a city or  
28 town as long as all or a portion of the city or town boundaries are  
29 within the boundaries of the establishing ~~((public transportation~~  
30 ~~benefit area))~~ entity. The members of the ~~((public transportation~~  
31 ~~benefit area))~~ governing body of the entity proposing to establish  
32 the passenger-only ferry service district, acting ex officio and  
33 independently, constitutes the governing body of the passenger-only  
34 ferry service district.

35 (2) A passenger-only ferry service district may establish,  
36 finance, and provide passenger-only ferry service, and associated  
37 services to support and augment passenger-only ferry service  
38 operation, within its boundaries in the same manner as authorized for

1 (~~public transportation benefit areas under this chapter~~) the entity  
2 establishing the district.

3 (3) A passenger-only ferry service district constitutes a body  
4 corporate and possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for  
5 public purposes as well as all other powers that may be conferred by  
6 statute including, but not limited to, the authority to hire  
7 employees, staff, and services, to enter into contracts, to acquire,  
8 hold, and dispose of real and personal property, and to sue and be  
9 sued. Public works contract limits applicable to the (~~public~~  
10 ~~transportation benefit area~~) entity that established the passenger-  
11 only ferry service district apply to the district. For purposes of  
12 this section, "passenger-only ferry service district" means a quasi-  
13 municipal corporation and independent taxing authority within the  
14 meaning of Article VII, section 1 of the state Constitution, and a  
15 taxing district within the meaning of Article VII, section 2 of the  
16 state Constitution, created by the (~~legislative~~) governing body of  
17 a county under Title 36 RCW, a port district under Title 53 RCW, a  
18 public transportation benefit area under chapter 36.57A RCW, a city  
19 transit system under RCW 35.58.2721, a county transportation  
20 authority under chapter 36.57 RCW, a metropolitan municipal  
21 corporation transit system under chapter 36.56 RCW, an unincorporated  
22 transportation benefit area under RCW 36.57.100, or a regional  
23 transit authority under chapter 81.112 RCW.

24 (4) Before a passenger-only ferry service district may provide  
25 passenger-only ferry service, it must develop a passenger-only ferry  
26 investment plan, including elements: To operate or contract for the  
27 operation of passenger-only ferry services; to purchase, lease, or  
28 rent ferry vessels and dock facilities for the provision of transit  
29 service; and to identify other activities necessary to implement the  
30 plan. The plan must set forth terminal locations to be served,  
31 projected costs of providing services, and revenues to be generated  
32 from tolls, locally collected tax revenues, and other revenue  
33 sources. The plan must ensure that services provided under the plan  
34 are for the benefit of the residents of the passenger-only ferry  
35 service district. The passenger-only ferry service district may use  
36 any of its powers to carry out this purpose, unless otherwise  
37 prohibited by law. In addition, the passenger-only ferry service  
38 district may enter into: Contracts and agreements to operate  
39 passenger-only ferry service; public-private partnerships; and  
40 design-build, general contractor/construction management, or other

1 alternative procurement processes substantially consistent with  
2 chapter 39.10 RCW.

3 (5) A passenger-only ferry service district may be dissolved by a  
4 majority vote of the governing body when all obligations under any  
5 general obligation bonds issued by the passenger-only ferry service  
6 district have been discharged and any other contractual obligations  
7 of the passenger-only ferry service district have either been  
8 discharged or assumed by another governmental entity.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The local passenger-only ferry account is  
10 created in the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent  
11 only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used  
12 only for (1) the grants provided under section 4 of this act, and (2)  
13 those expenses of the county road administration board associated  
14 with the administration of the local passenger-only ferry grant  
15 program.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The county road administration board  
17 shall:

18 (1) Establish a local passenger-only ferry grant program. The  
19 purpose of the grant program is to provide passenger-only ferry  
20 service districts created pursuant to RCW 36.57A.222 with grants for:

21 (a) The purchase of used passenger-only ferry vessels and the  
22 construction, rehabilitation, or improvement of associated docking  
23 facilities;

24 (b) The operation and maintenance of passenger-only ferry  
25 vessels; and

26 (c) Feasibility studies regarding potential passenger-only ferry  
27 service routes;

28 (2) Adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this  
29 chapter relating to the allocation of funds in the passenger-only  
30 ferry account; and

31 (3) Include a program status report in the county road  
32 administration board's annual report to the appropriate committees of  
33 the legislature as provided in RCW 36.78.070.

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2024 c 210 s 4 and 2024 c 168 s 12 are  
35 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

1 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state  
2 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which  
3 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

4 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or  
5 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the  
6 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income  
7 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no  
8 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest  
9 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of  
10 interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management  
11 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require  
12 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the  
13 amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash  
14 management improvement act. The office of financial management may  
15 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to  
16 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and  
17 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the  
18 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
19 section.

20 (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury  
21 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking  
22 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to,  
23 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state  
24 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is  
25 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
26 required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur  
27 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
28 section.

29 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings  
30 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall  
31 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the  
32 treasury income account except:

33 (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their  
34 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's  
35 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational  
36 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the Alaskan Way  
37 viaduct replacement project account, the ambulance transport fund,  
38 the budget stabilization account, the capital vessel replacement  
39 account, the capitol building construction account, the Central  
40 Washington University capital projects account, the charitable,

1 educational, penal and reformatory institutions account, the Chehalis  
2 basin account, the Chehalis basin taxable account, the clean fuels  
3 credit account, the clean fuels transportation investment account,  
4 the cleanup settlement account, the climate active transportation  
5 account, the climate transit programs account, the Columbia river  
6 basin water supply development account, the Columbia river basin  
7 taxable bond water supply development account, the Columbia river  
8 basin water supply revenue recovery account, the common school  
9 construction fund, the community forest trust account, the connecting  
10 Washington account, the county arterial preservation account, the  
11 county criminal justice assistance account, the covenant  
12 homeownership account, the deferred compensation administrative  
13 account, the deferred compensation principal account, the department  
14 of licensing services account, the department of retirement systems  
15 expense account, the developmental disabilities community services  
16 account, the diesel idle reduction account, the opioid abatement  
17 settlement account, the drinking water assistance account, the  
18 administrative subaccount of the drinking water assistance account,  
19 the early learning facilities development account, the early learning  
20 facilities revolving account, the Eastern Washington University  
21 capital projects account, the education construction fund, the  
22 education legacy trust account, the election account, the electric  
23 vehicle account, the energy freedom account, the energy recovery act  
24 account, the essential rail assistance account, The Evergreen State  
25 College capital projects account, the fair start for kids account,  
26 the family medicine workforce development account, the ferry bond  
27 retirement fund, the fish, wildlife, and conservation account, the  
28 freight mobility investment account, the freight mobility multimodal  
29 account, the grade crossing protective fund, the higher education  
30 retirement plan supplemental benefit fund, the Washington student  
31 loan account, the highway bond retirement fund, the highway  
32 infrastructure account, the highway safety fund, the hospital safety  
33 net assessment fund, the Interstate 5 bridge replacement project  
34 account, the Interstate 405 and state route number 167 express toll  
35 lanes account, the judges' retirement account, the judicial  
36 retirement administrative account, the judicial retirement principal  
37 account, the limited fish and wildlife account, the local leasehold  
38 excise tax account, the local passenger-only ferry account, the local  
39 real estate excise tax account, the local sales and use tax account,  
40 the marine resources stewardship trust account, the medical aid

1 account, the money-purchase retirement savings administrative  
2 account, the money-purchase retirement savings principal account, the  
3 motor vehicle fund, the motorcycle safety education account, the move  
4 ahead WA account, the move ahead WA flexible account, the multimodal  
5 transportation account, the multiuse roadway safety account, the  
6 municipal criminal justice assistance account, the oyster reserve  
7 land account, the pension funding stabilization account, the  
8 perpetual surveillance and maintenance account, the pilotage account,  
9 the pollution liability insurance agency underground storage tank  
10 revolving account, the public employees' retirement system plan 1  
11 account, the public employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and  
12 plan 3 account, the public facilities construction loan revolving  
13 account, the public health supplemental account, the public works  
14 assistance account, the Puget Sound capital construction account, the  
15 Puget Sound ferry operations account, the Puget Sound Gateway  
16 facility account, the Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account,  
17 the real estate appraiser commission account, the recreational  
18 vehicle account, the regional mobility grant program account, the  
19 reserve officers' relief and pension principal fund, the resource  
20 management cost account, the rural arterial trust account, the rural  
21 mobility grant program account, the rural Washington loan fund, the  
22 second injury fund, the sexual assault prevention and response  
23 account, the site closure account, the skilled nursing facility  
24 safety net trust fund, the small city pavement and sidewalk account,  
25 the special category C account, the special wildlife account, the  
26 state hazard mitigation revolving loan account, the state investment  
27 board expense account, the state investment board commingled trust  
28 fund accounts, the state patrol highway account, the state  
29 reclamation revolving account, the state route number 520 civil  
30 penalties account, the state route number 520 corridor account, the  
31 statewide broadband account, the statewide tourism marketing account,  
32 the supplemental pension account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge  
33 account, the teachers' retirement system plan 1 account, the  
34 teachers' retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the  
35 tobacco prevention and control account, the tobacco settlement  
36 account, the toll facility bond retirement account, the  
37 transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the transportation  
38 equipment fund, the JUDY transportation future funding program  
39 account, the transportation improvement account, the transportation  
40 improvement board bond retirement account, the transportation

1 infrastructure account, the transportation partnership account, the  
2 traumatic brain injury account, the tribal opioid prevention and  
3 treatment account, the University of Washington bond retirement fund,  
4 the University of Washington building account, the voluntary cleanup  
5 account, the volunteer firefighters' relief and pension principal  
6 fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers'  
7 administrative fund, the vulnerable roadway user education account,  
8 the Washington judicial retirement system account, the Washington law  
9 enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1 retirement  
10 account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters'  
11 system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public safety  
12 employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school  
13 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the  
14 Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State  
15 University building account, the Washington State University bond  
16 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration  
17 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western  
18 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated  
19 plan implementation account, the Yakima integrated plan  
20 implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated  
21 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from  
22 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal  
23 school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the  
24 scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund  
25 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts.

26 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts  
27 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury  
28 that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury  
29 pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall  
30 receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's  
31 or fund's average daily balance for the period.

32 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
33 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated  
34 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

35 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2024 c 210 s 5 and 2024 c 168 s 13 are  
36 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

37 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state  
38 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which  
39 account is hereby established in the state treasury.



1           (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or  
2 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the  
3 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income  
4 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no  
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13 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and  
14 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the  
15 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
16 section.

17           (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury  
18 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking  
19 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to,  
20 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state  
21 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is  
22 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
23 required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur  
24 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
25 section.

26           (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings  
27 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall  
28 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the  
29 treasury income account except:

30           (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their  
31 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's  
32 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational  
33 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the Alaskan Way  
34 viaduct replacement project account, the budget stabilization  
35 account, the capital vessel replacement account, the capitol building  
36 construction account, the Central Washington University capital  
37 projects account, the charitable, educational, penal and reformatory  
38 institutions account, the Chehalis basin account, the Chehalis basin  
39 taxable account, the clean fuels credit account, the clean fuels  
40 transportation investment account, the cleanup settlement account,

1 the climate active transportation account, the climate transit  
2 programs account, the Columbia river basin water supply development  
3 account, the Columbia river basin taxable bond water supply  
4 development account, the Columbia river basin water supply revenue  
5 recovery account, the common school construction fund, the community  
6 forest trust account, the connecting Washington account, the county  
7 arterial preservation account, the county criminal justice assistance  
8 account, the covenant homeownership account, the deferred  
9 compensation administrative account, the deferred compensation  
10 principal account, the department of licensing services account, the  
11 department of retirement systems expense account, the developmental  
12 disabilities community services account, the diesel idle reduction  
13 account, the opioid abatement settlement account, the drinking water  
14 assistance account, the administrative subaccount of the drinking  
15 water assistance account, the early learning facilities development  
16 account, the early learning facilities revolving account, the Eastern  
17 Washington University capital projects account, the education  
18 construction fund, the education legacy trust account, the election  
19 account, the electric vehicle account, the energy freedom account,  
20 the energy recovery act account, the essential rail assistance  
21 account, The Evergreen State College capital projects account, the  
22 fair start for kids account, the family medicine workforce  
23 development account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the fish,  
24 wildlife, and conservation account, the freight mobility investment  
25 account, the freight mobility multimodal account, the grade crossing  
26 protective fund, the higher education retirement plan supplemental  
27 benefit fund, the Washington student loan account, the highway bond  
28 retirement fund, the highway infrastructure account, the highway  
29 safety fund, the hospital safety net assessment fund, the Interstate  
30 5 bridge replacement project account, the Interstate 405 and state  
31 route number 167 express toll lanes account, the judges' retirement  
32 account, the judicial retirement administrative account, the judicial  
33 retirement principal account, the limited fish and wildlife account,  
34 the local leasehold excise tax account, the local passenger-only  
35 ferry account, the local real estate excise tax account, the local  
36 sales and use tax account, the marine resources stewardship trust  
37 account, the medical aid account, the money-purchase retirement  
38 savings administrative account, the money-purchase retirement savings  
39 principal account, the motor vehicle fund, the motorcycle safety  
40 education account, the move ahead WA account, the move ahead WA

1 flexible account, the multimodal transportation account, the multiuse  
2 roadway safety account, the municipal criminal justice assistance  
3 account, the oyster reserve land account, the pension funding  
4 stabilization account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance  
5 account, the pilotage account, the pollution liability insurance  
6 agency underground storage tank revolving account, the public  
7 employees' retirement system plan 1 account, the public employees'  
8 retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the public  
9 facilities construction loan revolving account, the public health  
10 supplemental account, the public works assistance account, the Puget  
11 Sound capital construction account, the Puget Sound ferry operations  
12 account, the Puget Sound Gateway facility account, the Puget Sound  
13 taxpayer accountability account, the real estate appraiser commission  
14 account, the recreational vehicle account, the regional mobility  
15 grant program account, the reserve officers' relief and pension  
16 principal fund, the resource management cost account, the rural  
17 arterial trust account, the rural mobility grant program account, the  
18 rural Washington loan fund, the second injury fund, the sexual  
19 assault prevention and response account, the site closure account,  
20 the skilled nursing facility safety net trust fund, the small city  
21 pavement and sidewalk account, the special category C account, the  
22 special wildlife account, the state hazard mitigation revolving loan  
23 account, the state investment board expense account, the state  
24 investment board commingled trust fund accounts, the state patrol  
25 highway account, the state reclamation revolving account, the state  
26 route number 520 civil penalties account, the state route number 520  
27 corridor account, the statewide broadband account, the statewide  
28 tourism marketing account, the supplemental pension account, the  
29 Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, the teachers' retirement system  
30 plan 1 account, the teachers' retirement system combined plan 2 and  
31 plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and control account, the  
32 tobacco settlement account, the toll facility bond retirement  
33 account, the transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the  
34 transportation equipment fund, the JUDY transportation future funding  
35 program account, the transportation improvement account, the  
36 transportation improvement board bond retirement account, the  
37 transportation infrastructure account, the transportation partnership  
38 account, the traumatic brain injury account, the tribal opioid  
39 prevention and treatment account, the University of Washington bond  
40 retirement fund, the University of Washington building account, the

1 voluntary cleanup account, the volunteer firefighters' relief and  
2 pension principal fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve  
3 officers' administrative fund, the vulnerable roadway user education  
4 account, the Washington judicial retirement system account, the  
5 Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1  
6 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and  
7 firefighters' system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public  
8 safety employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school  
9 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the  
10 Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State  
11 University building account, the Washington State University bond  
12 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration  
13 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western  
14 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated  
15 plan implementation account, the Yakima integrated plan  
16 implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated  
17 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from  
18 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal  
19 school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the  
20 scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund  
21 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts.

22 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts  
23 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury  
24 that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury  
25 pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall  
26 receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's  
27 or fund's average daily balance for the period.

28 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
29 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated  
30 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 3 and 4 of this act constitute a  
32 new chapter in Title 36 RCW.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act may be known and cited as the  
34 mosquito fleet act.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Section 5 of this act expires July 1,  
36 2028.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 10.**    Section 6 of this act takes effect July  
2    1, 2028.

3        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 11.**    Sections 1 through 5 and 7 through 9 of  
4    this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
5    peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its  
6    existing public institutions, and take effect July 1, 2025.

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