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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen and Oke)

Brief Description: Creating a ballast water monitoring program.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/14/00)

Finds that some nonindigenous species have the potential to cause economic and environmental damage to the state and that current efforts to stop the introduction of nonindigenous species from shipping vessels do not adequately reduce the risk of new introductions into Washington waters.

Recognizes the international and rapidly changing dimensions of this issue, and the difficulty that any one state has in either legally or practically managing this issue.

Declares support for the international maritime organization and United States coast guard efforts, and the state intends to complement, to the extent its powers allow it, the United States coast guard's ballast water management program.

Provides that, by December 31, 2005, the natural resources committees of the legislature must review this chapter and its implementation and make recommendations if needed to the 2006 regular session of the legislature.