
HOUSE BILL 2745

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By Representatives Fitzgibbon and Cody

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1 AN ACT Relating to ferry advisory committees; and amending RCW
2 47.60.310.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.60.310 and 2010 c 8 s 10020 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department is further directed to conduct such review by
7 soliciting and obtaining expressions from local community groups in
8 order to be properly informed as to problems being experienced within
9 the area served by the Washington state ferries. In order that local
10 representation may be established, the department shall give prior
11 notice of the review to the ferry advisory committees.

12 (2) The legislative authorities of San Juan, Skagit, Clallam, and
13 Jefferson counties shall each appoint a committee to consist of five
14 members to serve as an advisory committee to the department or its
15 designated representative in such review. The legislative authorities
16 of other counties that contain ferry terminals shall appoint ferry
17 advisory committees consisting of three members for each terminal
18 area in each county, except for Vashon Island, which shall have one
19 committee, and its members shall be appointed by the Vashon/Maury
20 Island community council or the legislative authority of King county
21 if the Vashon/Maury Island community council is unable to appoint. At

1 least one person appointed to each ferry advisory committee shall be
2 representative of an established ferry user group or of frequent
3 users of the ferry system. Each member shall reside in the vicinity
4 of the terminal that the advisory committee represents.

5 (3) The members of the San Juan, Clallam, and Jefferson county
6 ferry advisory committees shall be appointed for four-year terms. The
7 initial terms shall commence on July 1, 1982, and end on June 30,
8 1986. Any vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired
9 term by the appointing authority. At least one person appointed to
10 the advisory committee shall be representative of an established
11 ferry-user group or of frequent users of the ferry system, at least
12 one shall be representative of persons or firms using or depending
13 upon the ferry system for commerce, and one member shall be
14 representative of a local government planning body or its staff.
15 Every member shall be a resident of the county upon whose advisory
16 committee he or she sits, and not more than three members shall at
17 the time of their appointment be members of the same major political
18 party.

19 (4) The members of each terminal area committee shall be
20 appointed for four-year terms. The initial terms of the members of
21 each terminal area committee shall be staggered as follows: All terms
22 shall commence September 1, 1988, with one member's term expiring
23 August 31, 1990, one member's term expiring August 31, 1991, and the
24 remaining member's term expiring August 31, 1992. Any vacancy shall
25 be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the appointing
26 authority. Not more than two members of any terminal-area committee
27 may be from the same political party at the time of their
28 appointment, and in a county having more than one committee, the
29 overall party representation shall be as nearly equal as possible.

30 (5) The (~~chair[s]~~) chairs of the several committees constitute
31 an executive committee of the Washington state ferry users. The
32 executive committee shall meet twice each year with representatives
33 of the marine division of the department to review ferry system
34 issues.

35 (6) The committees to be appointed by the county legislative
36 authorities shall serve without fee or compensation.

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