
SENATE BILL 5157

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By Senators Hunt, Wellman, Kuderer, Carlyle, and Darneille

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the department of transportation to
2 complete a study on passenger-only ferry services; and creating new
3 sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the increasing
6 strain on road infrastructure in the Puget Sound area and the need
7 for alternative strategies to provide reliable regional travel times.
8 The legislature also recognizes the unique geography of the Puget
9 Sound area and the potential to further utilize its waterways as
10 travel options.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of transportation shall
12 complete a consultant study on the feasibility, need, and potential
13 governance and funding structures for passenger-only ferry service
14 between the cities of Olympia and Seattle. The study shall include
15 consideration of a direct fast service and a slower service with
16 additional limited stops. The department shall work with
17 stakeholders, including origin and destination transit agencies,
18 cities, and transportation planning organizations, and submit a final
19 study to the transportation committees of the legislature by January
20 7, 2020.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of
2 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
3 provided by June 30, 2019, in the omnibus transportation
4 appropriations act, this act is null and void.

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