

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Beyer
Nays: 0
Exc.: Starr
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Meeting Dates: 2/10, 2/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes some perimeter descriptions for pilotage grounds and replaces them with descriptions based on longitude and latitude. Establishes a precautionary zone outside the Columbia River bar for vessels intending to enter or leave the pilotage ground. Stipulates that vessels may only enter the precautionary zone under instruction from a licensee of the Columbia River pilotage ground. Establishes a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 per offense for violation of the Columbia River precautionary zone.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Not an expansion of existing pilotage grounds
- Costs to shippers for dealing with the new precautionary zone
- Safety concerns with traffic around the Columbia River bar

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No Amendment.

BACKGROUND: The current statutory descriptions of the state's designated pilotage grounds, where most commercial vessels must have a state-licensed pilot aboard, has been in place since at least 1957. The pilotage ground perimeters are generally described by references to the depth of the water, by markers, and by the extent of navigable waters.