
SENATE BILL 5212

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By Senator Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to competition on ferry and toll bridge routes;
2 amending RCW 47.60.120; and providing a contingent effect.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.60.120 and 1984 c 7 s 307 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 ~~((If the department acquires or constructs, maintains, and operates
7 any ferry crossings upon or toll bridges over Puget Sound or any of its
8 tributary or connecting waters there shall not be constructed,
9 operated, or maintained any other ferry crossing upon or bridge over
10 any such waters within ten miles of any such crossing or bridge
11 operated or maintained by the department excepting such bridges or
12 ferry crossings in existence, and being operated and maintained under
13 a lawfully issued franchise at the time of the location of the ferry
14 crossing or construction of the toll bridge by the department.))~~

15 The department shall not maintain and operate any ferry crossing or
16 toll bridge over Puget Sound or any of its tributary or connecting
17 waters that would infringe upon any franchise lawfully issued by the
18 state and in existence and being exercised at the time of the location
19 of the ferry crossing or toll bridge by the department, without first

1 acquiring the rights granted to such franchise holder under the
2 franchise.

3 ~~((While any revenue bonds issued by the department under the
4 provisions of this chapter are outstanding no additional bonds may be
5 issued for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, operating, or
6 maintaining any ferries or toll bridges within the aforesaid ten mile
7 distance by the department unless the revenues of any such additional
8 ferries or toll bridges are pledged to the bonds then outstanding to
9 the extent provided by the resolution authorizing the issue of the
10 outstanding bonds. The provisions of this section are binding upon the
11 state, and all of its departments, agencies, and instrumentalities, as
12 well as any and all private, political, municipal, and public
13 corporations and subdivisions, including cities, towns, counties, and
14 other political subdivisions, and the prohibitions of this section
15 shall restrict and limit the powers of the legislature of the state in
16 respect to the matters herein mentioned so long as any of such bonds
17 are outstanding and unpaid and shall be deemed to constitute a contract
18 to that effect for the benefit of the holders of all such bonds.))~~

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act takes effect only if
20 legislation authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to
21 refund the outstanding toll bridge authority, ferry, and Hood Canal
22 bridge refunding revenue bonds becomes law.

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