



March 9, 2018

The Hon. Jay Inslee  
Governor  
Office of the Governor  
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Olympia, WA 98504-0002

SUPPORT – SSB 6519 Revising the Establishment of Marine Pilotage Tariffs

Dear Governor Inslee,

I am writing on behalf of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association to urge you to sign SSB 6519. PMSA members include ocean carriers required to use Washington State licensed pilots in Puget Sound and Grays Harbor.

Transferring marine pilotage tariff rate-setting authority from the Board of Pilotage Commissioners (Board) to the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) will serve two purposes.

First, it will leverage the rate-setting expertise of the UTC to ensure marine pilotage tariffs are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient for the provision of pilotage services while removing the mandate to set a new tariff each and every year.

Second, safety oversight of the Board will be enhanced as they can spend the efforts previously spent on rate-setting to better focus on licensing, training, diversity, pilot competency, incident review, discipline, workload/dispatch and overall accountability.

Safe and efficient maritime operations at fair and reasonable costs are essential if we are to ensure environmental stewardship while remaining competitive. We urge you to sign SSB 6519.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MR Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "MR" and "Moore" being capitalized and prominent.

Captain Michael R. Moore  
Vice President