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# S 638

Ferry Transportation Enhancement Act

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Chamber: Senate

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### **Sponsor**

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Party: Democratic • State: WA • Chamber: Senate

## Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	<b>Date Joined</b>
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	$D \cdot NY$		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	$R \cdot ME$		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	$D \cdot NY$		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	$R \cdot ME$		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	$R \cdot AK$		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Dole, Elizabeth [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 14, 2005

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 16, 2005

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

### **Policy Area:**

Transportation and Public Works

### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

Ferry Transportation Enhancement Act - Amends the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for FY 2004 through 2009 for construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities.

Amends Federal highway law to make ferry maintenance (currently, only terminal) facilities eligible for Federal funding.

Amends Federal transportation law to include ferries within the Federal clean fuels program.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation to: (1) establish a Ferry Joint Program Office to coordinate Federal programs affecting ferry boat and facility construction, maintenance, and operation, and to promote ferry service as a component of the Nation's transportation system; (2) maintain a national ferry database containing ferry routes, vessels, passengers and vehicles carried, funding sources, and related information; and (3) make grants to an institution of higher education to establish a National Ferry Transportation Institute for research, development, and training programs, relating to U.S. ferry transportation systems.

### **Actions Timeline**

- Mar 16, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 16, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2850-2851)
- Mar 16, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2851)