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IN REGARDS TO INCREASED WASHINGTON STATE FERRY SECURITY, I THINK IT IS A POOR IDEA. I HAVE NOT READ THEM BUT ANY PLAN TO SLOW UP THE SYSTEM WOULD BE A DISASTER. AS IT IS, I ONLY USE THE FERRIES WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT. INDIVIDUAL VEHICLE OR PERSON SECURITY CHECK WOULD REDUCE TRAFIC FLOW TO ZERO.

WHAT WILL THE COSTS BE FOR THIS SYTEM? HAS A COST/BENEFIT STUDY BEEN DONE? WASHINGTON STATE DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO IMPLEMENT THE SYSTEM.

ON OCCASION, WHEN I DO USE THE FERRIES I HAVE FIREARMS IN MY VEHICLE. I DO NOT WANT TO CHECK AND RECOVER THEM ON A SHORT 30 MIN. TRIP.

SINCERELY,

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