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Senate Bill 157 adds an additional purpose of a special tax district, namely, the raising of funds to pay for a ferry service. Currently, there are special tax districts for many different purposes, but a ferry service is not one of them. The need for a ferry service has arisen in the Thimble Islands off the coast of Branford. The Thimble Islands had a ferry service until that service retired last spring, and the establishment of a new ferry service is vital for the convenience of islanders and their guests and to maintain real estate values. The ferry service will be paid by a tax assessment.

This bill was introduced by Representatives Reed, Widlitz, and me as the State Senator for the area at the request of the Thimble Island Association. They view the bill with urgency, and joint and favorable treatment by the P & D Committee would be so much appreciated. Thank you.

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State Senator