

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6425

As Passed Senate, February 8, 1996

Title: An act relating to public loans to port districts.

Brief Description: Concerning the indebtedness of a port district.

Sponsors: Senators Swecker, Fraser and Zarelli.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 1/25/96, 1/31/96 [DP].
Passed Senate, 2/8/96, 45-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Goings, Hale, McCaslin and Winsley.

Staff: Eugene Green (786-7405)

Background: A port district may contract indebtedness, not authorized by the voters, of one-fourth of 1 percent of the value of taxable property in the district. Port districts having less than \$800 million in value during 1991 may contract indebtedness, not authorized by the voters, of three-eighths of 1 percent. With the assent of three-fifths of the voters, a port district may contract a total indebtedness of three-fourths of 1 percent of the value of the taxable property in the district.

Any municipal corporation, including port districts, may enter into a loan agreement containing the terms and conditions of a loan from an agency of the state of Washington or the United States. Generally, these loans are excluded from the computation of indebtedness of the municipal corporation.

Summary of Bill: It is clarified that the amount of a loan from an agency of the state of Washington or the United States is excluded from the computation of indebtedness of a port district.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This corrects an oversight and will be especially helpful to some of our smaller port districts.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Heidi Pehl, Port of Chehalis (pro); John Fratt, Port of Kalama (pro).