

2 **ESHB 1150** - S Amd to S Comm Amd
3 By Senator Bauer

4 On page 6, following line 8, insert a new section as follows:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 53.12 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 A candidate for the office of port commissioner may withdraw his or
8 her declaration of candidacy at any time before the close of business
9 on the Thursday following the last day for candidates to file by
10 filing, with the officer with whom the declaration of candidacy was
11 filed, a signed request that his or her name not be printed on the
12 ballot. There shall be no withdrawal period for declarations of
13 candidacy filed during special filing periods. The filing officer may
14 permit the withdrawal of a filing for the office of port commissioner
15 at the request of the candidate at any time before a primary if the
16 primary ballots for that election have not been ordered. No filing fee
17 may be refunded to any candidate who withdraws under this section.
18 Notice of the deadline for withdrawal of candidacy and that the filing
19 fee is not refundable shall be given to each candidate at the time he
20 or she files."

21 Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

22 EFFECT: Limits the general election law application so that election
23 officers have the option of accepting candidate withdrawals until the
24 ballots are ordered.