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By Representatives O'Brien, Cantwell, Nelson, Wineberry, Anderson, Locke, Jacobsen, Heavey, Cole, Prentice and Haugen.

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1 AN ACT Relating to port districts located within forty miles of
2 each other; and adding new sections to chapter 53.04 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 53.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the
7 citizens in King and Pierce counties that the port districts of those
8 respective counties jointly work together to promote and encourage
9 stable, more efficient port operations. It is further recognized that
10 these port districts, by having extremely broad taxing powers, are
11 presently being subsidized by the taxpayers of their counties. It is
12 therefore the intent of section 2 of this act that these port districts
13 refrain from competition with each other.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 53.04 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 Port districts of a class A or AA county shall not compete for the
4 business of a customer, lessee, or other like tenant of a port district
5 of a class A or AA county that is located within a forty-mile radius of
6 the district.