

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 6095

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As Reported By House Committee On:  
Trade, Economic Development & Housing

**Title:** An act relating to international trade through Washington ports.

**Brief Description:** Revising provisions relating to international trade through Washington ports.

**Sponsors:** Senators Skratek, Anderson, Spanel, Bluechel, M. Rasmussen and Erwin.

**Brief History:**

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 12 members:  
Representatives Wineberry, Chair; Shin, Vice Chair;  
Schoesler, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant  
Ranking Minority Member; Backlund; Campbell; Casada; Conway;  
Quall; Sheldon; Springer and Valle.

**Staff:** Bill Lynch (786-7092).

**Background:** In 1989 the Legislature enacted legislation to authorize the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) to create a federation of Washington ports to encourage increased cooperation and coordination between the ports in order to promote international trade and tourism. The Legislature also required the WPPA to submit annual reports to the Legislature describing its efforts to establish the federation. The Federation of Washington Ports is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 1994, unless reauthorized by the Legislature.

The Legislative Budget Committee recommended that the federation be allowed to continue and that the annual report prepared by the Washington Public Ports Association on federation activities be eliminated.

Port districts are authorized to establish export trading companies to enhance international trade. The authorization

to form export trading companies expires on June 30, 1994, unless reauthorized by the Legislature.

**Summary of Bill:** The provisions which would have allowed the Federation of Washington Ports to sunset are repealed. The Washington Public Ports Association is no longer required to submit annual reports pertaining to the establishment of the Federation of Washington Ports. The provisions that would have deleted the authority for port districts to establish export trading companies are repealed.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** This will enable small and medium-sized businesses to get assistance for exporting.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Pat Jones, Washington Public Ports Association (pro).