

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 5247**

**AS PASSED SENATE, MARCH 4, 1993**

**Brief Description:** Allowing the creation of a less than county-wide port district not bordering on saltwater.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Skratek, Deccio, Erwin, Sheldon, M. Rasmussen, Moyer and Sellar

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chairman; Drew, Vice Chairman; Loveland, Oke, von Reichbauer, and Winsley.

**Staff:** Rod McAulay (786-7754)

**Hearing Dates:** February 9, 1993; February 12, 1993

**BACKGROUND:**

During several periods in this century, the Legislature has authorized the creation of less-than-county-wide port districts and then withdrawn the authorization. In 1992, the Legislature again authorized the creation of a less-than-county-wide port district if it has an assessed valuation of at least \$75 million and is in a county bordering on saltwater that already has a less-than-county-wide port district. The limitation requiring that the county border on saltwater precludes the formation of less-than-county-wide port districts along the Columbia River.

**SUMMARY:**

A less-than-county-wide port district may be created if it has an assessed valuation of at least \$75 million and is in a county that already has a less-than-county-wide port district.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

This bill will enable Yakima County to provide the infrastructure needed to bring more industrial activity and alleviate serious unemployment.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** David McFadden, Mel Tanasse, Yakima County Development Association (pro)