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By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Kremen, Mielke, Eide, King, Linville and H. Myers)

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1 AN ACT Relating to port district fire fighters; adding a new
2 section to chapter 53.08 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that it passed
5 comprehensive legislation in 1986 to provide protection to fire
6 fighters who risk losing their jobs as a result of an annexation,
7 incorporation, merger, or consolidation by a city, town, or fire
8 protection district. The legislation did not, however, grant these
9 same protections to fire fighters who are employed by port districts.
10 It is the intent of the legislature that fire fighters who are employed
11 by port districts should have the same transfer rights as other local
12 government fire fighters in the event of an annexation, consolidation,
13 merger, or incorporation by a city, town, or fire protection district.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 53.08 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) When a port district provides its own fire protection services
17 with port district employees, and port district property is included as
18 part of an annexation, incorporation, consolidation, or merger by a

1 city, town, or fire protection district, and fire protection services
2 for this port district property will be furnished by the city, town, or
3 fire protection district, an eligible employee may transfer employment
4 to the city, town, or fire protection district in the same manner and
5 under the same conditions that a fire fighter may transfer employment
6 into a fire protection district pursuant to RCW 52.04.111, 52.04.121,
7 and 52.04.131.

8 (2) "Eligible employee" means an employee of the port district who
9 (a) was at the time of the annexation, merger, consolidation, or
10 incorporation employed exclusively or principally in performing the
11 powers, duties, and functions which are to be performed by the fire
12 department of the city, town, or fire protection district, (b) will, as
13 a direct consequence of the annexation, merger, consolidation, or
14 incorporation, be separated from the employ of the port district, and
15 (c) can perform the duties and meet the minimum requirements of the
16 position to be filled.

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