2 <u>SSB 5337</u> - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 4-14-97**
3   By Committee on Government Administration

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5   Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7   "**Sec. 1.** RCW 53.04.023 and 1994 c 223 s 84 are each amended to
8 read as follows:
9   A less than county-wide port district with an assessed valuation of
10 at least ((~~seventy-five~~)) <u>one hundred fifty</u> million dollars may be
11 created in a county that already has a less than county-wide port
12 district located within its boundaries. Except as provided in this
13 section, such a port district shall be created in accordance with the
14 procedure to create a county-wide port district.
15   The effort to create such a port district is initiated by the
16 filing of a petition with the county auditor calling for the creation
17 of such a port district, describing the boundaries of the proposed port
18 district, designating either three or five commissioner positions,
19 describing commissioner districts if the petitioners propose that the
20 commissioners represent districts, and providing a name for the
21 proposed port district. The petition must be signed by voters residing
22 within the proposed port district equal in number to at least ten
23 percent of such voters who voted at the last county general election.
24   A public hearing on creation of the proposed port district shall be
25 held by the county legislative authority if the county auditor
26 certifies that the petition contained sufficient valid signatures.
27 Notice of the public hearing must be published in the county's official
28 newspaper at least ten days prior to the date of the public hearing.
29 After taking testimony, the county legislative authority may make
30 changes in the boundaries of the proposed port district if it finds
31 that such changes are in the public interest and shall determine if the
32 creation of the port district is in the public interest. No area may
33 be added to the boundaries unless a subsequent public hearing is held
34 on the proposed port district.
35   The county legislative authority shall submit a ballot proposition
36 authorizing the creation of the proposed port district to the voters of

1 the proposed port district, at any special election date provided in
2 RCW 29.13.020, if it finds the creation of the port district to be in
3 the public interest.
4   The port district shall be created if a majority of the voters
5 voting on the ballot proposition favor the creation of the port
6 district. The initial port commissioners shall be elected at the same
7 election, from districts or at large, as provided in the petition
8 initiating the creation of the port district. The election shall be
9 otherwise conducted as provided in RCW 53.12.172, but the election of
10 commissioners shall be null and void if the port district is not
11 created.
12   ((~~This section shall expire July 1, 1997.~~))

13   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
16 immediately."

17   Correct the title.

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