
**Trade & Economic Development
Committee**

HB 2635

Brief Description: Authorizing port districts to provide consulting services.

Sponsors: Representatives Pettigrew, Skinner, Jarrett, Clibborn, McDonald, Voloria, Anderson, Chase, Morrell and Rockefeller.

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| <p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authorizes port districts to provide consulting services and receive compensation for such services. |
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Hearing Date: 1/27/04

Staff: Tracey Taylor (786-7196).

Background:

Washington has the largest locally controlled port system in the world with 76 ports in 33 of the state's 39 counties. The primary purpose of a port district is to promote economic development and they are authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, operate, develop and regulate within the district harbor improvements, rail or motor vehicle transfer and terminal facilities and other commercial transportation, transfer, handling, storage and terminal facilities, and industrial improvements.

The port districts are authorized to levy a tax of up to \$0.45 per \$1000 of assessed value on property in the port district. The port district may also generate revenue through the lease or rental of warehouses or office buildings, proceeds from bond sales for capital project construction, and grants and gifts.

Summary of Bill:

A port district may provide consulting services on matters within their statutory jurisdiction, including harbor improvements, industrial development districts, and airport transfer facilities. The port district may receive compensation for these consulting services.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.