

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1248

As of March 24, 2005

Title: An act relating to adding an additional port district member to the executive board of regional transportation planning organizations.

Brief Description: Including four public port districts on the executive board of regional transportation planning organizations.

Sponsors: Representatives Woods, Appleton, Kilmer and Anderson.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/10/05, 95-0.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 3/28/05.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Background: Under current law, regional transportation planning organizations (RTPOs) are voluntary associations of local governments established for transportation planning purposes. In order to qualify for state planning funds, an RTPO containing a county with a population greater than one million must provide voting membership on its executive board to the state Transportation Commission, the state Department of Transportation, and the three largest port districts within the region. Additionally, the RTPO must assure that at least 50 percent of the local elected officials serving on its executive board also serve on transit agency boards or on a regional transit authority.

Summary of Bill: The minimum executive board voting membership for an RTPO containing a county with a population greater than one million is expanded to include the four largest port districts within the region.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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