
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6631

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By Senators Roach and Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a joint select committee to
2 consider the political, economic, and security issues at Washington's
3 largest ports; creating a new section; and providing an expiration
4 date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A joint select committee on
7 Washington's largest ports is established, with members as provided
8 in this subsection.

9 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint as members the
10 chair and ranking member of the committee on government operations
11 and security and chair and ranking member of the committee on trade
12 and economic development.

13 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint as
14 members the chair and ranking member of the committee on local
15 government and the chair and ranking member of the committee on
16 community development, housing, and tribal affairs.

17 (2) The committee shall choose two cochairs from among its
18 membership, one from the house of representatives and one from the
19 senate. If one cochair belongs to the largest caucus in the house of
20 representatives, then the other cochair must belong to the largest
21 caucus in the senate. If one cochair belongs to the second largest

1 caucus in the house of representatives, then the other cochair must
2 belong to the second largest caucus in the senate.

3 (3) The committee must develop recommendations that:

4 (a) Consider the political, economic, and security issues facing
5 Washington's largest ports;

6 (b) Promote regulatory consistency and certainty in the areas of
7 land use planning, permitting, and business development in a manner
8 that supports Washington's largest ports;

9 (c) Encourage cooperation and partnerships between local, state,
10 federal, and private sectors to foster increased use of Washington's
11 largest ports; and

12 (d) Identify aspects of state policy that have an impact on
13 Washington's largest ports.

14 (4) Staff support for the committee must be provided by senate
15 committee services and the house of representatives office of program
16 research.

17 (5) Members of the committee are reimbursed for travel expenses
18 in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

19 (6) The expenses of the committee must be paid jointly by the
20 senate and the house of representatives. Committee expenditures are
21 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
22 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
23 successor committees.

24 (7) The committee shall report its findings and recommendations
25 to the appropriate committees of the legislature, consistent with RCW
26 43.01.036, by December 1, 2016.

27 (8) For the purposes of this section, "Washington's largest
28 ports" means the two port districts in the state that have the
29 highest annual volume of cargo and any port district bordering the
30 Columbia river in a county with a population under one hundred
31 twenty-five thousand with operating revenues over thirty million
32 dollars a year.

33 (9) For the purposes of this section, "Washington's largest
34 ports" means the four port districts in the state that had the
35 highest gross operating revenues in 2015.

36 (10) This section expires December 1, 2016.

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