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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a task force on port district  
2 efficiency and collaboration; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) The legislative task force on  
5 Washington state port district collaboration is established, with  
6 members as provided in this subsection:

7 (i) Two members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house  
8 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
9 representatives;

10 (ii) Two members from each of the two largest caucuses of the  
11 senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

12 (iii) Three members from the Washington public ports association,  
13 with at least two members representing ports with air and sea port  
14 operations, appointed by the governor;

15 (iv) One member from the freight mobility strategic investment  
16 board, appointed by the governor;

17 (v) One member from county government, appointed by the Washington  
18 state association of counties;

1 (vi) One member from city government, appointed by the association  
2 of Washington cities;

3 (vii) One member from the association of Washington business,  
4 appointed by the governor;

5 (viii) One member from the labor community, selected by the  
6 Washington state labor council; and

7 (ix) One member from the environmental community, appointed by the  
8 Washington environmental council.

9 (b) The task force member from the house of representatives with  
10 the most seniority shall select a chair from among its legislative  
11 membership.

12 (2) The task force shall consult with individuals from the public  
13 and private sectors and other interested parties, as may be  
14 appropriate, for technical advice and assistance and may ask such  
15 individuals to establish advisory committees or work groups that report  
16 to the task force.

17 (3) The efforts of the task force shall be directed at discovering  
18 and exploring productive methods for promoting greater efficiencies for  
19 and collaborations between Washington's port districts, districts that  
20 often compete against each other, and other national and international  
21 ports. The task force shall: (a) Examine the likely benefits and  
22 disadvantages associated with collaborations between port districts;  
23 and (b) consider how a regional port district could be structured and  
24 governed.

25 (4) The task force shall use legislative facilities, and staff  
26 support shall be provided by the house of representatives office of  
27 program research, senate committee services, and the office of  
28 financial management.

29 (5) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the  
30 house of representatives, the senate, and the office of financial  
31 management. Task force expenditures are subject to approval by the  
32 senate facilities and operations committee and the house of  
33 representatives executive rules committee, or their successor  
34 committees.

35 (6) The task force shall report upon its initial actions to the  
36 governor and appropriate committees of the house of representatives and  
37 the senate by December 1, 2008.

1           (7) The task force shall report its finding and recommendations to  
2 the governor and the appropriate committees of the house of  
3 representatives and the senate by December 1, 2009.

4           (8) The task force expires May 1, 2010.

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