
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5339

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By Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management
(originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Kastama, Rockefeller and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the acquisition and operation of
2 tourism-related facilities by port districts; amending RCW 53.08.255;
3 and adding a new section to chapter 67.28 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 53.08.255 and 1984 c 122 s 10 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Any port district in this state, acting through its commission,
8 has power to expend moneys and conduct promotion of resources and
9 facilities in the district or general area by advertising, publicizing,
10 or otherwise distributing information to attract visitors and encourage
11 tourist expansion.

12 (2)(a) Any port district is authorized either individually or
13 jointly with any other municipality, or person, or any combination
14 thereof, to acquire and to operate tourism-related facilities.

15 (b) When exercising the authority granted under (a) of this
16 subsection, a port district may exercise any of the powers granted to
17 a municipality under RCW 67.28.120, 67.28.130 through 67.28.170, and
18 67.28.220, but may not exercise powers granted to municipalities under
19 RCW 67.28.180 and 67.28.181 or other powers granted to municipalities

1 under chapter 67.28 RCW. The definitions contained in RCW 67.28.080
2 apply to the exercise of authority by a port district under (a) of this
3 subsection, and for that purpose the term "municipality" includes a
4 port district.

5 (c) Nothing in this section or section 2 of this act expands port
6 districts' right of eminent domain for the purpose of the activities
7 and projects authorized under this chapter.

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 67.28 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 A port district and any municipality or other entity involved in a
11 joint venture or project with a port district under this chapter shall
12 comply with the provisions of chapter 39.12 RCW. However, nothing in
13 this section should be interpreted as a legislative intent to expand
14 the application of chapter 39.12 RCW.

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