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**HOUSE BILL 1347**

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Riccelli, Holy, and Ormsby

AN ACT Relating to the creation of a countywide port district within a county containing no port districts; adding a new section to chapter 53.04 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 53.04 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Prior to December 31, 2020, in a county with no port district, a port district coextensive with the limits of such county may be created by a ballot proposition submitted to the voters authorizing the creation of the port district. The initial port commissioners may be elected at the next general election after approval of the port district under this section. All procedural requirements in RCW 53.04.020 must be followed, except the requirement to elect port commissioners at the same election.

(2) This section expires December 31, 2020.

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