

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1343

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Removing the requirement that a schedule of port rates and charges be filed with the utilities and transportation commission.

Sponsors: Representatives Casada, Kessler and Basich; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission.

House Committee on Energy & Utilities
House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background: Since 1955, Washington's port districts have been required to file a schedule of their rates for port activities (wharfage, dockage, warehousing, and port and terminal charges) with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). However, the WUTC has no authority to act upon a rate imposed by a port district. The port's tariffs, generally several pages in length, are simply filed with the WUTC and made available for public viewing.

The WUTC reports that no one has asked to see the tariffs in several years.

Summary: The requirement that a port district file a schedule of its rates and charges with the WUTC is removed.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	95	0
Senate	48	0

Effective: July 23, 1995