

1 **SSB 5219 - H COMM AMD ADOPTED 04/06/99**

2 By Committee on Local Government

3 On page 1, after the enacting clause, strike the remainder of the
4 bill, and insert the following:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends annexation
6 procedures set forth in sections 2 through 5 of this act to be
7 alternative methods available to port districts that are less than
8 county-wide. The legislature does not intend the alternative
9 procedures to supersede any other method authorized by chapter 53.04
10 RCW or other law for annexation of territory to a port district.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A port district that is less than county-
12 wide, and that is located in a county with a population of less than
13 ninety thousand and located in the Interstate 5 corridor, may petition
14 for annexation of an area that is contiguous to its boundaries, is not
15 located within the boundaries of any other port district, and contains
16 no registered voters. The petition must be in writing, addressed to
17 and filed with the port commission, and signed by the owners of not
18 less than seventy-five percent of the property value in the area to be
19 annexed, according to the assessed value for general taxation. The
20 petition must contain a legal description of the property according to
21 government legal subdivisions or legal plats, or a sufficient metes and
22 bounds description, and must be accompanied by a plat outlining the
23 boundaries of the property to be annexed.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If a petition meeting the requirements set
25 forth in section 2 of this act is filed with the commission, the
26 commission shall determine a date, time, and location for a hearing on
27 the petition and shall provide public notice of that hearing and its
28 nature by publishing the notice in one issue of a newspaper of general
29 circulation in the district and by posting the notice in three public
30 places within the territory proposed for annexation. The commission
31 may require proof of a petition's authenticity before complying with
32 notice requirements imposed by this section and may require the signers
33 of a petition to bear the costs of publishing and posting notice.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** At the hearing, the commission may
2 determine to annex all or any portion of the proposed area described in
3 the petition. Following the hearing, the commission shall by resolution
4 approve or disapprove annexation. Upon passage of the resolution, the
5 commission shall file, with the board of county commissioners of the
6 county in which the annexed property is located, a certified copy of
7 the resolution. On the date fixed in the resolution, the area annexed
8 becomes part of the district.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) By a majority vote of the commission,
10 and with the written consent of all the owners of the property to be
11 annexed, a port commission of a district that is less than county-wide,
12 and that is located in a county with a population of less than ninety
13 thousand and located in the Interstate 5 corridor, may annex, for
14 industrial development or other port district purposes, property
15 contiguous to the district's boundaries and not located within the
16 boundaries of any other port district.

17 (2) The written consent required by subsection (1) of this section
18 must contain a full and correct legal description of the property to be
19 annexed, must include the signature of all owners of the property to be
20 annexed, and must be addressed to and filed with the commission.

21 (3) If the commission approves annexation under this section, it
22 shall do so by resolution and shall file a certified copy of the
23 resolution with the board of county commissioners of the county in
24 which the annexed property is located. Upon the date fixed in the
25 resolution, the area annexed becomes part of the district.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** No property within the territory annexed
27 under sections 2 through 5 of this act may be taxed or assessed for the
28 payment of any outstanding indebtedness of the port district as it
29 existed before the annexation unless another law requires the tax or
30 assessment.-

EFFECT: Limits application of new annexation authority to a port district that is less than county-wide to those districts located in a county on the I-5 corridor with a population less than 90,000.