

ESB 6631 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Technology & Economic Development

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A joint select committee on
4 Washington's largest ports is established, with members as provided
5 in this subsection.

6 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint as members the
7 chair and ranking member of the committee on government operations
8 and security and chair and ranking member of the committee on trade
9 and economic development.

10 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint as
11 members the chair and ranking member of the committee on local
12 government and the chair and ranking member of the committee on
13 technology and economic development.

14 (2) The committee shall choose two cochairs from among its
15 membership, one from the house of representatives and one from the
16 senate. If one cochair belongs to the largest caucus in the house of
17 representatives, then the other cochair must belong to the largest
18 caucus in the senate. If one cochair belongs to the second largest
19 caucus in the house of representatives, then the other cochair must
20 belong to the second largest caucus in the senate.

21 (3) The committee must develop recommendations that:

22 (a) Consider the political, economic, and security issues facing
23 Washington's largest ports;

24 (b) Promote regulatory consistency and certainty in the areas of
25 land use planning, permitting, and business development in a manner
26 that supports Washington's largest ports;

27 (c) Encourage cooperation and partnerships between local, state,
28 federal, and private sectors to foster increased use of Washington's
29 largest ports; and

30 (d) Identify aspects of state policy that have an impact on
31 Washington's largest ports.

1 (4) Staff support for the committee must be provided by senate
2 committee services and the house of representatives office of program
3 research.

4 (5) Members of the committee are reimbursed for travel expenses
5 in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

6 (6) The expenses of the committee must be paid jointly by the
7 senate and the house of representatives. Committee expenditures are
8 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
9 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
10 successor committees.

11 (7) The committee shall report its findings and recommendations
12 to the appropriate committees of the legislature, consistent with RCW
13 43.01.036, by December 1, 2016.

14 (8) For the purposes of this section, "Washington's largest
15 ports" means the four port districts in the state that had the
16 highest gross operating revenues in 2015.

17 (9) This section expires December 1, 2016."

18 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Requires the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Technology and Economic Development as members of the Joint Select Committee on Washington's largest ports, rather than the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Community Development, Housing, and Tribal Affairs.

(2) Defines "Washington's largest ports" to mean the four port districts in the state that had the highest gross operating revenues in 2015, which consist of the ports of Seattle, Tacoma, Longview, and Vancouver.

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