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1 AN ACT Relating to port district fire fighters; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 53.08 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that it passed  
5 comprehensive legislation in 1986 to provide protection to fire  
6 fighters who risk losing their jobs as a result of an annexation,  
7 merger, or consolidation by a city or a fire protection district. The  
8 legislation did not, however, grant these same protections to fire  
9 fighters who are employed by port districts. It is the intent of the  
10 legislature that fire fighters who are employed by port districts  
11 should have the same transfer rights as other local government fire  
12 fighters in the event of an annexation, consolidation, or incorporation  
13 by a city or a fire protection district.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 53.08 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) When a port district provides its own fire protection services  
17 with port district employees, and port district property is either  
18 annexed or incorporated into a city or annexed into a fire protection

1 district, and fire protection services for this port district property  
2 will be furnished by the city or fire protection district, an eligible  
3 employee may transfer employment to the city or fire protection  
4 district in the same manner and under the same conditions that a fire  
5 fighter may transfer employment into a fire protection district  
6 pursuant to RCW 52.04.111, 52.04.121, and 52.04.131.

7 (2) "Eligible employee" means an employee of the port district who  
8 (a) was at the time of the annexation or incorporation employed  
9 exclusively or principally in performing the powers, duties, and  
10 functions which are to be performed by the fire department of the city  
11 or fire protection district, (b) will, as a direct consequence of the  
12 annexation or incorporation, be separated from the employ of the port  
13 district, and (c) can perform the duties and meet the minimum  
14 requirements of the position to be filled.

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