

SHB 3259 - H AMD 1171

By Representative Hunter

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1 On page 4, beginning on line 10, strike all of section 3 and
2 insert the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1)(a) A task force on Washington port
4 district finance and management, for port districts in counties
5 with more than one million residents, is established, with members
6 as provided in this subsection:

7 (i) The members of the finance committee of the house of
8 representatives;

9 (ii) The members of the ways and means committee of the senate;
10 and

11 (iii) Two members from the governor's policy staff, appointed
12 by the governor.

13 (b) The task force shall choose its chair and cochairs from
14 among its legislative membership. The chair of the finance
15 committee of the house of representatives shall convene the initial
16 meeting of the task force.

17 (2) The task force shall consult with individuals from the
18 public and private sectors and other interested parties, as may be
19 appropriate, for technical advice and assistance and may ask those
20 individuals to establish advisory work groups that report to the
21 task force.

22 (3) The task force shall examine the management of a port
23 district in a county with more than one million residents. The
24 duties of the task force shall include examinations of:

25 (a) Adopted financial management policies and tools employed by
26 the district to monitor its performance;

27 (b) Stewardship practices employed by the district for existing
28 funding sources and their uses, with a special emphasis on the
29 imposition and use of property tax levies; and

1 (c) The structure and role of the district's commission in the
2 establishment and measurement of the financial and operating
3 performance of the district.

4 (4) The task force shall use legislative facilities, and staff
5 support shall be provided by the house of representatives office of
6 program research and senate committee services.

7 (5) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed
8 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.
9 Nonlegislative members, except those representing an employer or
10 organization, are entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in
11 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

12 (6) The expenses of the task force shall be paid jointly by the
13 house of representatives and the senate. Task force expenditures
14 are subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations
15 committee and the house of representatives executive rules
16 committee, or their successor committees.

17 (7) The task force shall report its findings and
18 recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of
19 the house of representatives and the senate by December 1, 2010.

20 (8) This section expires May 1, 2011."

EFFECT: (1) Deletes "governance" from the name of the legislative task force established in the legislation. (2) Specifies that the task force must be comprised of the members of the House Finance Committee, the members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and two members of the Governor's policy staff. (3) Establishes new governance and examination provisions for the task force. (4) Makes technical changes.