
SENATE BILL 6535

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting funds available to port districts
2 from being allocated for the purchase of fully automated marine
3 container cargo handling equipment; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 53.08 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 53.08
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Port moneys shall not be allocated for the purchase of fully
9 automated marine container cargo handling equipment. Nothing in this
10 subsection prohibits the:

11 (a) Use of funds available under this section for a project that
12 includes the purchase of human-operated zero-emission equipment,
13 human-operated near zero-emission equipment, and infrastructure
14 supporting the human-operated equipment; and

15 (b) Purchase of devices that support the human-operated equipment
16 in (a) of this subsection, including equipment to evaluate the
17 utilization and environmental benefits of that human-operated
18 equipment.

19 (2) For the purposes of this section, "fully automated marine
20 container cargo handling equipment" means equipment that is remotely

1 operated or remotely monitored, with or without the exercise of human
2 intervention or control.

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