

SB 646 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Action Date: 04/03/17

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Thomsen

Exc: 1 - Riley

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the issuance of lottery bonds sufficient to produce \$3,000,000 in net proceeds and earnings for repair and improvement of docks, marine infrastructure and facilities owned by the Port of Brookings Harbor. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Needed upgrades at port
- Importance of coastal ports for post-earthquake relief plans
- Impact of recession on south coast region

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Port District of Brookings Harbor covers an area of 400 square miles, bordered on the north by the Pistol River, the south by the Oregon-California border, and to the east by the Curry-Josephine county line. The port district has a population of approximately 16,000 residents. The port itself features a shallow-draft harbor, full-service marina, commercial fleet services, docks and moorage facilities, and oceanfront camping facilities; it is also listed as a 'harbor of refuge' by the United States Coast Guard.