

HB 215 -- Port Improvement District Act

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This bill establishes the Port Improvement District Act which allows port authority boards to establish port improvement districts to fund projects benefitting property in the district with a voter-approved real property tax or sales and use tax, or both. The bill authorizes a sales and use tax of up to 1% on all taxable retail sales excluding sales of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, outboard motors, and sales to or from public utilities. Port improvement projects include projects in the district for environmental cleanup; energy conservation or increased energy efficiency; wetland creation, preservation, or relocation; construction or modification of buildings and structures for the purpose of preventing or reducing pollution, disposing of solid waste, or providing water facilities; and the acquisition, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, or construction of real property that has significant history, architecture, archeology, or culture to this country, state, or political subdivision.