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SENATE BILL

No. 63

Introduced by Senator Hall

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bonta and O'Donnell)

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An act relating to the Port of Los Angeles: to amend Sections 53398.52, 53398.62, 53398.69, 53398.80, and 53398.81 of, and to add Section 53398.80.5 to, the Government Code, and to amend Sections 1690 and 1698 of, to add Section 1699 to, and to add Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1710) to Part 1 of Division 6 of, the Harbors and Navigation Code, relating to seaport infrastructure financing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 63, as amended, Hall. ~~Port of Los Angeles~~. *Seaport infrastructure financing districts.*

Existing law authorizes the legislative body of a city or county to establish an enhanced infrastructure financing district, adopt an infrastructure financing plan, and issue bonds, for which only the district is liable, upon approval by 55% of the voters and to finance public capital facilities or other specified projects of communitywide significance, including, but not limited to, among other things, environmental mitigation, military base reuse, low-income housing, and specified housing and transit projects. Existing law authorizes an enhanced infrastructure financing district to fund infrastructure projects through tax increment financing, pursuant to the infrastructure financing plan and the agreement of affected taxing entities.

This bill would additionally include port or harbor infrastructure, as defined, among the projects that may be financed by an enhanced infrastructure financing district. The bill would require a harbor agency

to prepare an infrastructure financing plan for a seaport infrastructure financing district, defined as an enhanced infrastructure financing district that finances port or harbor infrastructure. The bill would increase the vote threshold for a seaport infrastructure financing district to issue bonds to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the voters, and would provide that for purposes of these voters, a “landowner” means the entity paying possessory interest tax on state-owned land. The bill would prescribe additional procedures and requirements for the establishment of a seaport enhanced infrastructure financing district, including approval by the harbor agency and the State Lands Commission before the proposal is submitted to the voters for approval. The bill would specify that the commission shall retain absolute discretion over the determination of whether or not investment of local resources in port or harbor infrastructure, the actions of a harbor agency, or any other action taken by a seaport infrastructure financing district is consistent with the state’s interest in tidelands and submerged lands.

~~Existing law regulates the operation of ports and harbors. Existing law authorizes the organization and formation of port districts.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to increase and diversify economic development at the Port of Los Angeles.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) *The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
- 2 *following:*
- 3 (1) *It is equitable and in the public interest to provide alternative*
- 4 *procedures for financing public works and services needed to*
- 5 *support new commercial, environmental, and industrial*
- 6 *development in the state’s ports and harbors that would generate*
- 7 *significant new employment opportunities and economic*
- 8 *development, increase state and local tax revenues, enhance port*
- 9 *competitiveness in the international trade community, reduce*
- 10 *congestion and delay in the supply chain, and result in improved*
- 11 *environmental quality.*
- 12 (2) *Ports and harbors in California generally do not levy or*
- 13 *expend any funds generated by local taxes, as most of their*
- 14 *operations are funded directly through fees, tariffs, leases, and*

1 *other revenue the ports and harbors generate from their users and*
2 *tenants, in addition to the occasional state or federal grant.*

3 *(3) There is significant opportunity for development in our*
4 *state's ports and harbors. However, the state lacks the public*
5 *infrastructure funding and financing necessary to support all of*
6 *the new development that is demanded.*

7 *(4) Our state's waterfront has infrastructure needs that cannot*
8 *be met by private investment alone, and therefore public financing*
9 *mechanisms are required to finance the remediating of*
10 *deteriorating conditions. The absence of practical and equitable*
11 *methods for financing both regional and local public works leads*
12 *to a declining standard of port infrastructure, a failure to construct*
13 *new public works needed to support new commercial and industrial*
14 *development in our ports and harbors, and increased congestion*
15 *and environmental degradation.*

16 *(5) The ports and harbors of California are valuable assets of*
17 *the state that provide special maritime, navigational, recreational,*
18 *cultural, and historical benefits to the people of the state and the*
19 *management and development of these ports and harbors are*
20 *matters of statewide significance. Remediating any condition that*
21 *will otherwise result in underinvestment in the state's ports and*
22 *harbors by providing a financing mechanism, through the use of*
23 *incremental property tax revenues, is a matter of statewide*
24 *importance that will further the purposes of the public trust. Public*
25 *facilities along the state's waterfront that are eligible for financing*
26 *pursuant to the enhanced infrastructure financing district law will*
27 *increase public access to, or use or enjoyment of, public trust lands*
28 *and are, therefore, facilities of statewide significance.*

29 *(b) The Legislature further finds and declares that in order to*
30 *adapt the provisions of Chapter 2.99 (commencing with Section*
31 *53398.50) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government*
32 *Code, relating to enhanced infrastructure financing districts, to*
33 *the unique circumstances that surround the state's ports and*
34 *harbors, this special act is necessary.*

35 *(c) Due to the extraordinary capital needs of ports and harbors,*
36 *it is the intent of the Legislature to provide local governments that*
37 *may benefit from additional investment in the ports and harbors*
38 *in their jurisdiction the authority to create and fund enhanced*
39 *infrastructure financing districts in the manner that provides the*
40 *optimal financing options to construct needed public facilities on*

1 *public trust waterfront lands in order to meet the stated goals of*
2 *statewide significance.*

3 *SEC. 2. Section 53398.52 of the Government Code is amended*
4 *to read:*

5 53398.52. (a) (1) A district may finance any of the following:

6 (A) The purchase, construction, expansion, improvement,
7 seismic retrofit, or rehabilitation of any real or other tangible
8 property with an estimated useful life of 15 years or longer that
9 satisfies the requirements of subdivision (b).

10 (B) The planning and design work that is directly related to the
11 purchase, construction, expansion, or rehabilitation of property.

12 (C) The costs described in Sections 53398.56 and 53398.57.

13 (2) The facilities ~~need not~~ *are not required to* be physically
14 located within the boundaries of the district. However, any facilities
15 financed outside of a district ~~must~~ *shall* have a tangible connection
16 to the work of the district, as detailed in the infrastructure financing
17 plan adopted pursuant to Section 53398.69.

18 (3) A district ~~may~~ *shall* not finance routine maintenance, repair
19 work, or the costs of an ongoing operation or providing services
20 of any kind.

21 (b) The district shall finance only public capital facilities or
22 other specified projects of communitywide significance that
23 provide significant benefits to the district or the surrounding
24 community, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

25 (1) Highways, interchanges, ramps and bridges, arterial streets,
26 parking facilities, and transit facilities.

27 (2) Sewage treatment and water reclamation plants and
28 interceptor pipes.

29 (3) Facilities for the collection and treatment of water for urban
30 uses.

31 (4) Flood control levees and dams, retention basins, and drainage
32 channels.

33 (5) Child care facilities.

34 (6) Libraries.

35 (7) Parks, recreational facilities, and open space.

36 (8) Facilities for the transfer and disposal of solid waste,
37 including transfer stations and vehicles.

38 (9) Brownfield restoration and other environmental mitigation.

39 (10) The development of projects on a former military base,
40 provided that the projects are consistent with the military base

1 authority reuse plan and are approved by the military base reuse
2 authority, if applicable.

3 (11) The repayment of the transfer of funds to a military base
4 reuse authority pursuant to Section 67851 that occurred on or after
5 the creation of the district.

6 (12) The acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of housing
7 for persons of low and moderate income, as defined in Section
8 50093 of the Health and Safety Code, for rent or purchase.

9 (13) Acquisition, construction, or repair of industrial structures
10 for private use.

11 (14) Transit priority projects, as defined in Section 21155 of
12 the Public Resources Code, that are located within a transit priority
13 project area. For purposes of this paragraph, a transit priority
14 project area may include a military base reuse plan that meets the
15 definition of a transit priority project area and it may include a
16 contaminated site within a transit priority project area.

17 (15) Projects that implement a sustainable communities strategy,
18 when the State Air Resources Board, pursuant to Chapter 2.5
19 (commencing with Section 65080) of Division-2 1 of Title 7, has
20 accepted a metropolitan planning organization's determination
21 that the sustainable communities strategy or the alternative planning
22 strategy would, if implemented, achieve the greenhouse gas
23 emission reduction targets.

24 (16) *Port or harbor infrastructure, as defined by Section 1698*
25 *of the Harbors and Navigation Code.*

26 (c) The district shall require, by recorded covenants or
27 restrictions, that housing units built pursuant to this section shall
28 remain available at affordable housing costs to, and occupied by,
29 persons and families of low- or moderate-income households for
30 the longest feasible time, but for not less than 55 years for rental
31 units and 45 years for owner-occupied units.

32 (d) The district may finance mixed-income housing
33 developments, but may finance only those units in such a
34 development that are restricted to occupancy by persons of low or
35 moderate incomes as defined in Section 50093 of the Health and
36 Safety Code, and those onsite facilities for child care, after-school
37 care, and social services that are integrally linked to the tenants of
38 the restricted units.

39 (e) A district may utilize any powers under the Polanco
40 Redevelopment Act (Article 12.5 (commencing with Section

1 33459) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 24 of the Health and
 2 Safety Code), and finance any action necessary to implement that
 3 act.

4 *SEC. 3. Section 53398.62 of the Government Code is amended*
 5 *to read:*

6 53398.62. ~~After~~(a) *Except as provided in subdivision (b),*
 7 *after adopting the resolution pursuant to Section 53398.59, the*
 8 *legislative body shall designate and direct the city or county*
 9 *engineer or other appropriate official to prepare an infrastructure*
 10 *financing plan pursuant to Section 53398.63.*

11 (b) *In the case of a district proposed for port or harbor*
 12 *infrastructure, the legislative body shall designate and direct the*
 13 *harbor agency to prepare an infrastructure financing plan pursuant*
 14 *to Section 53398.63.*

15 *SEC. 4. Section 53398.69 of the Government Code is amended*
 16 *to read:*

17 53398.69. (a) At the conclusion of the hearing, the legislative
 18 body may adopt a resolution proposing adoption of the
 19 infrastructure financing plan, as modified, and formation of the
 20 enhanced infrastructure financing district in a manner consistent
 21 with Section 53398.68, or it may abandon the proceedings.

22 (b) The infrastructure financing plan and the formation of the
 23 enhanced infrastructure financing district shall take effect upon
 24 the legislative body's adoption of the resolution. The infrastructure
 25 financing plan shall specify if the district shall be funded solely
 26 through the district's share of tax increment, governmental or
 27 private loans, grants, bonds, assessments, fees, or some
 28 combination thereof. However, the public financing authority ~~may~~
 29 *shall* not issue bonds or levy assessments or fees that may be
 30 included in the infrastructure financing plan ~~prior to~~ *before* one or
 31 more of the following:

32 (1) An affirmative vote, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section
 33 ~~53398.81~~, 53398.81 and, if applicable, subdivision (c) of Section
 34 53398.80.5, to issue bonds to finance the infrastructure financing
 35 plan.

36 (2) Without compliance with the procedures required in
 37 subdivision (f) of Section 53398.75, to levy assessments or fees
 38 to finance the infrastructure financing plan.

39 (c) ~~In addition~~ *addition*, the district may expend up to 10 percent
 40 of any accrued tax increment in the first two years of the effective

1 date of the enhanced infrastructure financing district on planning
2 and dissemination of information to the residents within the
3 district’s boundaries about the infrastructure financing plan and
4 planned activities to be funded by the district.

5 *SEC. 5. Section 53398.80 of the Government Code is amended*
6 *to read:*

7 53398.80. (a) The public financing authority shall submit the
8 proposal to issue the bonds to the voters who reside within the
9 district. If the public financing authority adopts a resolution
10 proposing initiation of proceedings to issue bonds pursuant to
11 Section 53398.77, it shall then submit that proposal, together with
12 the information specified in subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, of
13 Section 53398.78, to the qualified electors of the district in the
14 next general election or in a special election to be held,
15 notwithstanding any other requirement, including any requirement
16 that elections be held on specified dates, contained in the Elections
17 Code, at least 90 days but not more than 180 days following the
18 adoption of the resolution of bond issuance. The public financing
19 authority shall provide the resolution of bond issuance, a certified
20 map of sufficient scale and clarity to show the boundaries of the
21 district, and a sufficient description to allow the election official
22 to determine the boundaries of the district to the official conducting
23 the election within three business days after the adoption of the
24 resolution of bond issuance. The assessor’s parcel numbers for the
25 land within the district shall be included if it is a landowner election
26 or the district does not conform to an existing district’s boundaries
27 and if requested by the official conducting the election. If the
28 election is to be held less than 125 days following the adoption of
29 the resolution of bond issuance, the concurrence of the election
30 official conducting the election shall be required. However, any
31 time limit specified by this section or requirement pertaining to
32 the conduct of the election may be waived with the unanimous
33 consent of the qualified electors of the proposed district and the
34 concurrence of the election official conducting the election.

35 (b) (1) If at least 12 persons have been registered to vote within
36 the territory of the district for each of the 90 days preceding the
37 close of the hearing, the vote shall be by the registered voters of
38 the district, who need not necessarily be the same persons, with
39 each voter having one vote. Otherwise, the vote shall be by the
40 landowners of the district and each landowner who is the owner

1 of record at the close of the protest hearing, or the authorized
2 representative thereof, shall have one vote for each acre or portion
3 of an acre of land that he or she owns within the district. The
4 number of votes to be voted by a particular landowner shall be
5 specified on the ballot provided to that landowner.

6 *(2) For purposes of this subdivision, for an entity paying*
7 *possessory interest tax on state-owned land, “landowner” means*
8 *the entity that is paying the possessory interest tax.*

9 (c) Ballots for the special election authorized by subdivision (a)
10 may be distributed to qualified electors by mail with return postage
11 prepaid or by personal service by the election official. The official
12 conducting the election may certify the proper mailing of ballots
13 by an affidavit, which shall be exclusive proof of mailing in the
14 absence of fraud. The voted ballots shall be returned to the election
15 officer conducting the election not later than the hour specified in
16 the resolution calling the election. However, if all the qualified
17 voters have voted, the election shall be closed.

18 *SEC. 6. Section 53398.80.5 is added to the Government Code,*
19 *to read:*

20 *53398.80.5. (a) If the public financing authority adopts a*
21 *resolution proposing initiation of proceedings to issue bonds*
22 *pursuant to Section 53398.77 for port or harbor infrastructure, it*
23 *shall, before submitting the proposal to the voters pursuant to*
24 *Section 53398.80, submit the proposal, together with the*
25 *information specified in subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, and (e)*
26 *and (f) of Section 53398.78, to the affected harbor agency pursuant*
27 *to Section 1713 of the Harbors and Navigation Code for its*
28 *preliminary approval.*

29 *(b) If the harbor agency grants preliminary approval, the*
30 *proposal shall be considered by the State Lands Commission for*
31 *final approval pursuant to Section 1714 of the Harbors and*
32 *Navigation Code.*

33 *(c) If the State Lands Commission votes in favor of the issuance*
34 *of the bonds as provided in Section 1714 of the Harbors and*
35 *Navigation Code, the public financing authority shall proceed*
36 *with the submission of the proposal to the voters.*

37 *SEC. 7. Section 53398.81 of the Government Code is amended*
38 *to read:*

1 53398.81. (a) ~~The~~(1) *Except as specified in paragraph (2),*
2 *the bonds may be issued if 55 percent of the voters voting on the*
3 *proposition vote in favor of issuing the bonds.*

4 (2) *For a seaport infrastructure financing district, the bonds*
5 *may be issued if two-thirds of the voters voting on the proposition*
6 *vote in favor of issuing the bonds.*

7 (b) If the voters approve the issuance of the bonds as provided
8 by subdivision (a), the public financing authority shall proceed
9 with the issuance of the bonds by adopting a resolution that shall
10 provide for all of the following:

- 11 (1) The issuance of the bonds in one or more series.
- 12 (2) The principal amount of the bonds that shall be consistent
- 13 with the amount specified in subdivision (b) of Section 53398.78.
- 14 (3) The date the bonds will bear.
- 15 (4) The date of maturity of the bonds.
- 16 (5) The denomination of the bonds.
- 17 (6) The form of the bonds.
- 18 (7) The manner of execution of the bonds.
- 19 (8) The medium of payment in which the bonds are payable.
- 20 (9) The place or manner of payment and any requirements for
- 21 registration of the bonds.
- 22 (10) The terms of call or redemption, with or without premium.

23 *SEC. 8. Section 1690 of the Harbors and Navigation Code is*
24 *amended to read:*

25 1690. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

26 (a) The state has a compelling interest in the success of ~~her~~ *its*
27 *ports and harbors because they provide significant economic benefit*
28 *to the state in terms of jobs, personal income, business revenue,*
29 *and taxes. It is the policy of the state that, because of that*
30 *compelling interest, legislation in this area is a matter of statewide*
31 *concern and is necessary to develop the harbors and ports of this*
32 *state for the benefit of the people.*

33 (b) Ports and harbors are the vital interface between water and
34 land transportation for trade with the Pacific Rim countries and
35 other trade. *In this respect, the specific management of the state's*
36 *ports and harbors by specific harbor and port districts established*
37 *pursuant to Division 8 (commencing with Section 5800) are of*
38 *equal statewide concern and importance as the management of*
39 *granted lands held in trust for the state by a local port or harbor*
40 *district.*

1 (c) Historically, California’s ports and harbors have been
2 self-supporting. *Most port and harbor districts do not levy or*
3 *expend funds generated by local taxes, as most of their operations*
4 *are funded directly through fees and other revenue the ports*
5 *generate from their users or tenants, in addition to occasional*
6 *state and federal grants.*

7 (d) The report of the California Transportation Commission
8 entitled “Improving Access to California’s Ports,” dated February
9 1990, found that \$897 million is needed for port access
10 transportation projects. *By December 2014, the “California Freight*
11 *Mobility Plan” report of the Department of Transportation*
12 *identified a comprehensive list of freight projects in the state,*
13 *including port access transportation projects, with an estimated*
14 *total cost of one hundred thirty-eight billion dollars*
15 *(\$138,000,000,000).*

16 (e) In addition to port access transportation projects, there is a
17 need for new harbor facilities and *infrastructure investments that*
18 *will enhance California’s competitiveness for international*
19 *cargoes, grow employment, yield significant economic*
20 *development, increase state and local tax revenues, and reduce*
21 *impacts to restore facilities damaged in the Loma Prieta earthquake.*
22 *environmental quality from goods movement.*

23 (f) Because of *limited revenues from port operations*, shrinking
24 federal and state funding and the increasing demand for those
25 limited funds, ports and harbors are no longer able to finance
26 projects of this magnitude without ~~a new funding mechanism.~~
27 *mechanisms. One such mechanism that can be used to finance port*
28 *and harbor development projects is the enhanced infrastructure*
29 *financing district.*

30 (g) It is the intent of the Legislature to assist in the reduction of
31 local borrowing costs, help accelerate the construction, repair, and
32 maintenance of port capital improvements, and promote greater
33 use of existing and new financial instruments and mechanisms.

34 (h) *It is further the intent of the Legislature to assert the state’s*
35 *plenary power over the financing of port and harbor infrastructure*
36 *by harbor agencies as matters of statewide concern and to*
37 *authorize the use of tax increment financing, as provided by in*
38 *Chapter 2.99 (commencing with Section 53398.50) of Part 1 of*
39 *Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code, to support investment*
40 *of tax revenues in port and harbor infrastructure.*

1 (i) *The Legislature empowers local legislative bodies with*
2 *specific and exclusive delegated authority to manage the state’s*
3 *ports and harbors by legislative grant and by establishment of*
4 *special districts pursuant to this code. In addition, the Legislature*
5 *delegates to public financing authorities the power to establish*
6 *seaport infrastructure financing districts for the purpose of*
7 *leveraging investment in support of the statewide interest in*
8 *improving port and harbor infrastructure.*

9 *SEC. 9. Section 1698 of the Harbors and Navigation Code is*
10 *amended to read:*

11 1698. (a) “Port or harbor infrastructure” means any of the
12 following, if its primary or predominant use is of direct benefit to
13 the port or harbor:

14 (1) Streets, roads, highways, bridges, sidewalks, curbs, gutters,
15 tunnels, subways, alleyways, viaducts, pipelines, rail lines, or other
16 facilities for the transportation or movement of people, vehicles,
17 equipment, or goods.

18 (2) Piers, docks, wharves, slips, quays, platforms, decks, cranes,
19 or other facilities for the mooring, docking, loading, or unloading
20 of vessels.

21 (3) Lands, tidelands, submerged lands, easements, port access
22 routes, channel improvements, rights-of-way, dredge disposal sites,
23 safety zones, breakwaters, levees, bulkheads, or walls of rock or
24 other material to protect property or traffic.

25 (4) Parking, warehouse, or storage facilities.

26 (5) Parks, recreation, or open space facilities.

27 (6) ~~Remediation~~ *Remediation or any capital improvement that*
28 *improves environmental quality.*

29 (7) Water, wastewater, drainage, electric, or telecommunication
30 systems or facilities.

31 (8) Buildings, structures, facilities, improvements, or equipment
32 necessary or convenient to any of paragraphs (1) to (7), inclusive,
33 or to the operation of a port or harbor.

34 (9) Public improvements authorized pursuant to the
35 Improvement Act of 1911 (Division 7 (commencing with Section
36 5000) of the Streets and Highways Code), the Improvement Bond
37 Act of 1915 (Division 10 (commencing with Section 8500) of the
38 Streets and Highways Code), and the Mello-Roos Community
39 Facilities Act of 1982 (Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section
40 53311) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code).

1 (b) Any port or harbor infrastructure may be privately operated.
 2 Except for any port or harbor infrastructure financed or subsidized
 3 with public trust revenues, any privately owned port or harbor
 4 infrastructure may be eligible in whole or in part for financing or
 5 other support or subsidy from money deposited in the infrastructure
 6 fund pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1701.

7 (c) If a port or harbor infrastructure financed wholly or partly
 8 with public funds is privately owned and if the use for which the
 9 port or harbor infrastructure was originally constructed changes
 10 or is incompatible with the port authority's master plan, the private
 11 owner shall pay the public agency the percentage of the full
 12 appreciated value of the port or harbor infrastructure that was
 13 originally financed with public funds.

14 (d) Any port or harbor infrastructure may be located within,
 15 partly within and partly outside, or outside the boundaries of any
 16 harbor agency.

17 (e) Any port or harbor infrastructure that has been purchased,
 18 constructed, expanded, improved, or rehabilitated by the
 19 expenditure or use of public trust revenues shall be held as an asset
 20 of the trust in a share proportionate to the investment of public
 21 trust revenues.

22 *SEC. 10. Section 1699 is added to the Harbors and Navigation*
 23 *Code, to read:*

24 *1699. "Seaport infrastructure financing district" means an*
 25 *enhanced infrastructure financing district that finances port or*
 26 *harbor infrastructure created in accordance with Chapter 3*
 27 *(commencing with Section 1710) of this part and Chapter 2.99*
 28 *(commencing with Section 53398.50) of Part 1 of Division 2 of*
 29 *Title 5 of the Government Code.*

30 *SEC. 11. Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1710) is added*
 31 *to Part 1 of Division 6 of the Harbors and Navigation Code, to*
 32 *read:*

33
 34 *CHAPTER 3. SEAPORT INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICTS*

35
 36 *1710. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:*

37 *(a) In addition to the findings and declarations in Section*
 38 *53398.50 of the Government Code, the ability to capture property*
 39 *tax increment revenues to finance needed port and harbor*
 40 *infrastructure projects will provide direct benefits to the state.*

1 *When harbor agencies are better funded to further the objectives*
2 *of the state, its ports and harbors, and the public trust and*
3 *enjoyment of those trust lands by the people of the state, local*
4 *economies and the local environment will also be improved.*

5 *(b) A port or harbor or its operation frequently generates large*
6 *local tax benefits directly as a result of the possessory interest*
7 *taxes paid on the value of leased port and harbor real property.*

8 *(c) The tax increment increases in possessory interest taxes that*
9 *will result from the improvement of port and harbor infrastructure*
10 *should be captured, whenever possible, and reinvested to support*
11 *the state’s significant interest in the successful operation of its*
12 *ports and harbors.*

13 *(d) The unique nature of the state’s public seaports and harbors,*
14 *including the nature of the statewide interest in their operations,*
15 *requires special rules if these ports and harbors are to be allowed*
16 *to participate in a seaport infrastructure financing district.*

17 *(e) The seaport infrastructure financing district is specifically*
18 *developed to include publicly owned property, to improve that*
19 *public property, and to achieve the public goals of improving the*
20 *state’s waterborne commerce, enhancing economic prosperity,*
21 *and financing the costs of environmental mitigation and*
22 *improvement.*

23 *(f) This chapter is intended to maintain and enforce the state’s*
24 *retained rights, statewide interests, obligations and sovereign*
25 *duties in its ports, harbors, and tidelands, including protecting*
26 *these same assets from local control or excise, while simultaneously*
27 *creating an opportunity for public financing authorities to*
28 *participate in facilitating investment in the state’s public seaport*
29 *infrastructure and finance projects that will have the anticipated*
30 *effect of not only providing statewide benefits, but also local*
31 *benefits such as boosting local employment, local secondary*
32 *economic development, local environmental improvement, and*
33 *increased local tax revenues.*

34 *1711. As used in this chapter, “public financing authority”*
35 *has the same meaning as provided in Section 53398.51 of the*
36 *Government Code.*

37 *1712. When designated by the legislative body pursuant to*
38 *Section 53398.62 of the Government Code, the harbor agency*
39 *shall prepare a proposed infrastructure financing plan, as provided*
40 *in Section 53398.63 of the Government Code, for a seaport*

1 *infrastructure financing district covering a port or harbor*
2 *infrastructure.*

3 1713. (a) *Upon receipt of a resolution from the public*
4 *financing authority promulgated under subdivision (a) of Section*
5 *53398.80.5 of the Government Code, the harbor agency shall have*
6 *60 days to consider the proposal. During this time, the harbor*
7 *agency's governing body shall act at a duly noticed meeting to*
8 *either vote to give preliminary approval of the proposal, subject*
9 *to the provisions of this section, or disapprove the proposal and*
10 *return it to the public financing authority.*

11 (b) *A harbor agency may give preliminary approval under this*
12 *section only if it makes all of the following affirmative findings:*

13 (1) *The harbor agency has prepared an infrastructure financing*
14 *plan pursuant to Section 1712.*

15 (2) *The improvements to the harbor agency's property to be*
16 *financed through the proceeds of a seaport infrastructure financing*
17 *district are solely for the support of port or harbor infrastructure.*

18 (3) *All publicly owned property that is leased to private parties*
19 *within the boundaries of the seaport infrastructure financing*
20 *district has been reported by the harbor agency to the local county*
21 *assessor to facilitate possessory interest taxation.*

22 (4) (A) *If the harbor agency is acting on granted lands, all of*
23 *the projects and uses proposed in the seaport infrastructure*
24 *financing district are consistent with the state tidelands trust and*
25 *the conditions of the harbor agency grant.*

26 (B) *If the harbor agency was formed pursuant to this code, all*
27 *of the projects and uses proposed in the seaport infrastructure*
28 *financing district are consistent with its charter and the statewide*
29 *interests in the operation of harbors and ports.*

30 (c) (1) *The harbor agency shall not grant preliminary approval*
31 *under this section unless both of the following apply:*

32 (A) *The seaport infrastructure financing district will operate*
33 *independently of any other prior or concurrent agreements between*
34 *the harbor agency and the public financing authority, or the local*
35 *governments that make up the public financing authority.*

36 (B) *No transfers of funds or obligations, or future transfers of*
37 *funds or obligations contingent on the approval of the seaport*
38 *infrastructure financing district, its financing, or projects within*
39 *the district, are created between the harbor agency and the public*

1 *financing authority, or the local governments that make up the*
2 *public financing authority.*

3 *(2) For purposes of this subdivision, “transfers of funds or*
4 *obligations” includes any direct or indirect transfer of harbor*
5 *agency resources to the public financing authority, or the local*
6 *governments that make up the public financing authority, except*
7 *for any of the following if agreed to between the harbor agency*
8 *and the public financing authority in writing:*

9 *(A) Harbor agency reimbursements of a public financing*
10 *authority for its direct administrative costs of establishing the*
11 *seaport infrastructure financing district.*

12 *(B) Public financing authority expenses for underwriting the*
13 *bond issuance for the identified projects in the seaport*
14 *infrastructure financing district.*

15 *(C) Any other administrative expenses or direct operating*
16 *expenses that are incurred as the direct result of creating the*
17 *seaport infrastructure financing district that are identified by both*
18 *parties at the time of preliminary approval and in advance of the*
19 *expense being incurred by the public financing authority.*

20 *(d) If a harbor agency votes to give preliminary approval to the*
21 *proposal, it shall immediately forward its preliminary approval*
22 *to the State Lands Commission for its consideration.*

23 *1714. (a) Upon receipt of a preliminary approval from a*
24 *harbor agency granted pursuant to Section 1713, the State Lands*
25 *Commission shall consider the proposal and either grant or deny*
26 *final approval.*

27 *(b) Prior to granting final approval the State Lands Commission*
28 *shall do both of the following:*

29 *(1) Review the infrastructure financing plan prepared by the*
30 *harbor agency pursuant to Section 1712.*

31 *(2) Review the findings of the harbor agency made in its*
32 *preliminary approval.*

33 *(c) The State Lands Commission shall grant final approval only*
34 *if it makes all of the following findings:*

35 *(1) The state’s interests in its tidelands and its ports and harbors*
36 *are furthered by the funding of the seaport infrastructure financing*
37 *district.*

38 *(2) The principal purposes of the seaport infrastructure*
39 *financing district are to further port and harbor infrastructure.*

1 (3) *The execution of the financing section of the infrastructure*
2 *finance plan is more likely than not to result in the outcomes*
3 *proposed.*

4 (4) *No revenues shall be made available to local governments*
5 *as a result of the approval of the seaport infrastructure financing*
6 *district from state revenues, revenues derived from granted lands,*
7 *or from ports or harbors created under this code, except as*
8 *otherwise allowed under paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section*
9 *1713.*

10 (5) *The harbor agency and the public financing authority*
11 *participating in the seaport infrastructure financing district have*
12 *each completed all procedural requirements, financial due*
13 *diligence, and made all findings required by this chapter and*
14 *Chapter 2.99 (commencing with Section 53398.50) of Part 1 of*
15 *Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code.*

16 (6) *All of the projects and uses proposed in the seaport*
17 *infrastructure financing district are consistent with the state*
18 *tidelands trust and the conditions of any grants, if applicable, and*
19 *the statewide interests in the operation of harbors and ports.*

20 (7) *No agreements by the harbor agency that may control the*
21 *discretion of the harbor agency to maintain its port or harbor*
22 *operations or to cede any such control to the discretion of a third*
23 *party were made as a condition of participation in the seaport*
24 *infrastructure financing district.*

25 (d) *If the State Lands Commission gives final approval to the*
26 *proposal, it shall immediately forward its approval to the public*
27 *financing authority for further action pursuant to subdivision (c)*
28 *of Section 53398.80.5 of the Government Code.*

29 1715. (a) *Except as provided in subdivision (b), Chapter 2.99*
30 *(commencing with Section 53398.50) of Part 1 of Division 2 of*
31 *Title 5 of the Government Code shall apply to this chapter.*

32 (b) *To the extent that any provision of this chapter conflicts with*
33 *any provision of Chapter 2.99 (commencing with Section 53398.50)*
34 *of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code with*
35 *respect to a seaport infrastructure financing district, this chapter*
36 *shall prevail.*

37 1716. *All permanent fixtures and capital improvements to the*
38 *real property of a harbor agency that administers public trust*
39 *tidelands made pursuant to a seaport infrastructure district's*
40 *approved infrastructure financing plan shall be a trust asset once*

1 *completed. This provision does not apply to fixtures and*
2 *improvements otherwise agreed as nonpermanent in a lease*
3 *between the harbor agency and a private tenant.*

4 *1717. If a harbor agency administering granted public trust*
5 *property is a department of a local governmental body, any*
6 *negotiations between the two entities with respect to any*
7 *infrastructure financing, operations, or any other activity requiring*
8 *action by the harbor agency shall be undertaken at arm's length*
9 *in recognition of the duties of the harbor agency to effectuate*
10 *statewide interests.*

11 *1718. (a) Pursuant to Section 6009 of the Public Resources*
12 *Code, the State Lands Commission shall retain absolute discretion*
13 *over the determination of whether or not investment of local*
14 *resources in port or harbor infrastructure, the actions of a harbor*
15 *agency, or any other action taken by a seaport infrastructure*
16 *financing district is consistent with the state's interests in its*
17 *tidelands and submerged lands. Nothing in this chapter, including*
18 *a finding made pursuant to Section 1714, or Chapter 2.99*
19 *(commencing with Section 53398.50) of Part 1 of Division 2 of*
20 *Title 5 of the Government Code, shall preclude the State Lands*
21 *Commission from enforcing the state's interests in its tidelands.*

22 *(b) Pursuant to Section 6009.1 of the Public Resources Code,*
23 *a harbor agency that manages granted state tidelands retains its*
24 *status as a trustee whether or not it is located within a seaport*
25 *infrastructure financing district. Nothing in this chapter, including*
26 *a finding made pursuant to Section 1714, or Chapter 2.99*
27 *(commencing with Section 53398.50) of Part 1 of Division 2 of*
28 *Title 5 of the Government Code, shall preclude the harbor agency*
29 *from conducting its duties as a trustee of state tidelands.*

30 *(c) Nothing in this chapter or in Chapter 2.99 (commencing*
31 *with Section 53398.50) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the*
32 *Government Code grants any authority to any public financing*
33 *authority, or the local governments that compose the public finance*
34 *authority, in any manner whatsoever to manage, direct, control,*
35 *or exercise jurisdiction over a harbor agency and its management*
36 *of port or harbor infrastructure.*

37 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
38 ~~legislation to increase and diversify economic development at the~~
39 ~~Port of Los Angeles.~~

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