

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1696

"TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC PORT AUTHORITIES IN ARKANSAS TO
FUND PUBLIC PORT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1696.

Amend House Bill No. 1696 as originally introduced:

Add Representatives Jones, Gillespie, Holt, Verkamp, G. Jeffress as co-sponsors of the bill

AND

Add Senators Gullett, J. Jeffress, Horn as co-sponsors of the bill

AND

Page 2, delete lines 24 through 33 and substitute the following:

"15-23-904. Authority to establish programs.

(a) The Arkansas Waterways Commission, after consultation and working in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Economic Development, may establish by rules and regulations the criteria of eligibility for awarding funds to any public port authority to aid in the development of port infrastructure, including the engineering and construction costs.

(b) The rules and regulations shall be reviewed by the House Interim Committee on Public Transportation and the Senate Interim Committee on Public Transportation, Aging, and Legislative Affairs."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 21, 22, and 23 and substitute the following:

"(7) Provide that no individual port shall receive more than twenty percent (20%) of the total amount available for public port infrastructure development projects."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 31 through 36 and substitute the following:

"(c) After receipt of the application, the Arkansas Waterways Commission, working in partnership with recommendations from the Arkansas Department of Economic Development, shall review the applications and shall

select the applications by rank order which will best fulfill the goals and objectives of the public port infrastructure development program as described by the program's rules and regulations. The commission shall then make awards to the applicants based on their rank order on the list of applications."

AND

Page 4, delete lines 1 and 2 and substitute the following:

"(d) The projects may be funded until all funds available for this purpose have been expended."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Wilkins

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Secretary