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Submitted to the Committee on Transportation  
For HB 2606

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Against. Why keep giving a political subdivision more powers than they already have especially when they have no checks and balances or oversight? Please do not expand the economic and Real estate development capabilities for non maritime commerce.

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I oppose HB 2606. Specifically, I opposed Section 3, section 60.403 Water Code (a-1), to increase contracts and purchase to \$100,000 without Commission approval.

I strongly oppose section 60.503 Community and Economic Programs being added to the Water Code. Port Authorities have no oversight and this section gives Port Authorities too much latitude for essentially becoming a private developer. Public entities like a Port Authority should not be competing in private business and Ports need to leave Economic development to the area municipalities.

Port Authorities need an oversight group!