

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1490

PRINTER'S NO. 2263

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

DRPA General Operating Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

October 8, 2010

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Rafferty

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to TRANSPORTATION, Oct. 8, 2010

Reported as committed, Oct. 12, 2010

First consideration, Oct. 12, 2010

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Oct. 12, 2010

Re-reported as committed, Oct. 13, 2010

Second consideration, Oct. 13, 2010

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 1490 is a supplement to the Delaware River Compact with New Jersey (Act 200 of 1931).

This legislation makes three significant changes to the current Act. They are as follows:

1. Requires Senate Confirmation of the six Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) Commissioners that are appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania. These Commissioners currently do not require Senate Confirmation. Commissioners serve for terms of five years and without compensation. The remaining two Commissioners, the Auditor General and the Treasurer of Pennsylvania, serve in an Ex-Officio capacity and would not require Senate Confirmation.
2. Prohibits the DRPA from entering into contracts with any person, corporation or other legal entity that is owned or partially owned by a Commissioner, having a business or contractual relationship with a Commissioner, or from which a Commissioner has received any personal pecuniary benefit. Currently the Commission is granted the power to "enter into contracts," but there aren't any prohibitions or regulations pertaining to such contracts.

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3. Provides veto power, to the Governor of Pennsylvania, over any action of any Commissioner who the Governor appointed of the DRPA at any time within ten days after receipt by the office of the Governor of the minutes of the meeting at which the vote was taken.

If enacted, this legislation shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact to any of the Delaware River Port Authority's funds or Commonwealth funds.