

Item: 6B

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Interlocal Agreement #5: Tacoma School District & the Port of Tacoma for Security Services

Erin Galeno
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Port of Tacoma Commission Meeting
Date: July 16, 2026



Action Requested

Request authorization for the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into Interlocal Agreement #5 between the Tacoma School District and the Port of Tacoma for Security Services associated with the Maritime Skills Center and the Port Maritime Center.

- The Port employs trained security personnel to protect Port-owned properties.
- Members of the Port security team may carry firearms as well as Tasers or equivalent devices in the course and scope of performing their duties.
- The Maritime Skills Center, which will open to students in September, is located on Port-owned property and co-located on a single campus with the Port Maritime Center.
- RCW 9.41.280 prohibits carrying or possessing firearms and other dangerous weapons on school premises. However, RCW 9.41.280(3)(b) provides that this prohibition does not apply to any person engaged in military, law enforcement, or school district security activities.

- The Port and the District understand that Port security personnel may respond to or intervene in the event of an emergency, performing a school district security function.
- ILA #5 memorializes this understanding between the District and the Port and provides a legal basis for the Port security team to carry firearms as well as Tasers or equivalent devices on the Maritime Center campus in compliance with RCW 9.41.280(3)(b).

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Thank You

Questions & Discussion



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