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## DIGEST

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HB 105 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Modifies the rights and powers of the Caddo-Bossier Parish Port Commission.

Present law provides for the rights and powers of the Caddo-Bossier Parish Port Commission.

Proposed law modifies the rights and powers to provide that the commission will not be subject in any respect to the authority, control, or supervision of any local regulatory body or any political subdivision of the state.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to acquire any land necessary for the present and future operations of cargo airports.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to perform the functions of an economic and industrial development entity, which may include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) Public relations, advertising, marketing, and providing and disseminating information.
- (2) Government relations, ombudsman, and government liaison.
- (3) Financial and financing assistance.
- (4) Tax abatement.
- (5) Planning and coordination for economic development and resource utilization, including such functions as industrial and economic research and industrial programming and solicitation.
- (6) Industrial training, technical assistance, and technology transfer.
- (7) The use of public and other legal powers to facilitate development.
- (8) Promoting transfer mechanisms to take ideas from their point of origin and development to commercially successful utilization by local enterprises.
- (9) Fostering entrepreneurial activity in the port area.
- (10) Promoting the development of new products, processes, or services or new uses for existing

products, processes, or services manufactured or marketed in the port area.

- (11) Supporting market research aimed at identifying new markets for local or regional products and processes, including international markets; determining the characteristics, needs, and preferences of those markets; and developing new marketing techniques to exploit those markets.
- (12) Fostering the supporting economic industrial development and education in cooperation with private business enterprises, financial institutions, educational institutions, nonprofit institutions and organizations, state government and political subdivisions of the state, the federal government, and other organizations or persons concerned with research, development, education, commercial application, and economic or industrial development in ways which increase the economic base of the port area.

Present law provides for the rights and powers for economic and industrial growth for a commission of a port that is not a deep water port and has a population of not less than 250,000 and not more than 400,000 within its jurisdiction.

Proposed law specifies that the utility service providers must comport with applicable law and Public Service Commission orders for facilities constructed or acquired by the commission.

Proposed law repeals present law (R.S. 34:3522) but transfers the content to R.S. 34:3160.

(Amends R.S. 34:3160(C); Repeals R.S. 34:3522)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Remove proposed language giving airports the authority to acquire and operate existing airports and to acquire adjacent property.
2. Specify that the selection of utility service providers must comport with applicable law and Public Service Commission orders for facilities constructed or acquired by the commission.