

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-257

First Reading Passage Requested

(C. Burnham)

2 SPONSOR Mr. Pry, Ms. Shapiro and Mr. Kostandaras, and Council of the Whole

3 DATE June 3, 2013

4 COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution expressing support for, and urging the Ohio General Assembly to enact, S.B. 134, which will ensure that Ohio port authorities are able to effectively compete for, and continue their participation in, economic development, job creation and infrastructure projects in the State of Ohio, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, under Ohio law, port authorities can be created by a county or city to engage in economic development and financing of public and private capital projects; and

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15 WHEREAS, fees and revenue generated by Ohio port authorities are frequently reinvested back into the local community through programs, services and payrolls; and

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18 WHEREAS, Ohio port authorities have become a vital component of economic development and major public and private capital and infrastructure projects throughout the State of Ohio, and are a critical partner for counties engaging in economic development and job creation; and

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23 WHEREAS, in 1993, this Council created the Summit County Port Authority, now known as the Development Finance Authority of Summit County ("Summit DFA") which, since its creation, has been essential to economic development, job creation and infrastructure development in Summit County, including the Goodyear Global and North American Headquarters and Innovation Center Project, the Bridgestone Technical Center Project, the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron Project and numerous other important projects; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Summit DFA, through cooperative agreements with other local counties, has participated in several economic development, job creation and infrastructure projects that are outside Summit County but have been critical to the economic vitality of Northeast Ohio; and

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34 WHEREAS, certain financing authorities that are created outside of the State of Ohio by states and other governments are currently able to do business in Ohio and compete against Ohio port authorities for the financing of projects; and

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38 WHEREAS, the fees and revenue generated by these financing authorities located outside Ohio are not reinvested locally, and the loss of the fees and revenue by Ohio port authorities will pose a risk to their continued existence; and

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42 WHEREAS, State Senators Frank LaRose and Tom Sawyer have sponsored and introduced S.B. 134, which would place reasonable limitations on the ability of financing authorities located outside of Ohio to finance projects within Ohio; and

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WHEREAS, S.B. 134 will provide protections to Ohio port authorities that will maximize the amount of fees and revenues reinvested locally and ensure that Ohio port authorities are able to compete and effectively continue their participation in economic development, job creation and infrastructure projects; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
5 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to express its support for, and urge the
6 Ohio General Assembly to enact, S.B. 134.

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8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit,
9 that:

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11 SECTION 1

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13 This Council hereby expresses its support for, and urges the Ohio General Assembly to
14 enact, S.B. 134 to ensure that Ohio port authorities are able to effectively compete for, and
15 continue their participation in, economic development, job creation and infrastructure projects in
16 the State of Ohio.

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18 SECTION 2

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20 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
21 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason of immediately
22 expressing support for S.B. 134 during the time it is being considered by the Ohio General
23 Assembly.

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25 SECTION 3

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27 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
28 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
29 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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31 SECTION 4

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33 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
34 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
35 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
36 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
37 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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39 INTRODUCED June 3, 2013

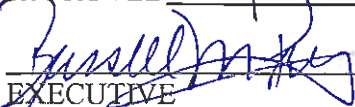
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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47 APPROVED June 4, 2013

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51 EXECUTIVE

52 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 4, 2013

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras
Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro