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1 AN ACT Relating to clarification of the method of calculating
2 public port district commissioner compensation; and amending RCW
3 53.12.260.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 53.12.260 and 2007 c 469 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Each commissioner of a port district shall receive ninety
8 dollars, as adjusted for inflation by the office of financial
9 management in subsection (4) of this section, per day or portion
10 thereof spent (a) in actual attendance at official meetings of the port
11 district commission, or (b) in performance of other official services
12 or duties on behalf of the district. The total per diem compensation
13 of a port commissioner shall not exceed eight thousand six hundred
14 forty dollars in a year, as adjusted for inflation by the office of
15 financial management in subsection (4) of this section, or ten thousand
16 eight hundred dollars in any year, as adjusted for inflation by the
17 office of financial management in subsection (4) of this section, for
18 a port district with gross operating income of twenty-five million or
19 more in the preceding calendar year.

1 (2) Port commissioners shall receive additional compensation as
2 follows: (a) Each commissioner of a port district with gross operating
3 revenues of twenty-five million dollars or more in the preceding
4 calendar year shall receive a salary of five hundred dollars per month,
5 as adjusted for inflation by the office of financial management in
6 subsection (4) of this section; and (b) each commissioner of a port
7 district with gross operating revenues of from one million dollars to
8 less than twenty-five million dollars in the preceding calendar year
9 shall receive a salary of two hundred dollars per month, as adjusted
10 for inflation by the office of financial management in subsection (4)
11 of this section.

12 (3) In lieu of the compensation specified in this section, a port
13 commission may set compensation to be paid to commissioners.

14 (4) For any commissioner who has not elected to become a member of
15 public employees retirement system before May 1, 1975, the compensation
16 provided pursuant to this section shall not be considered salary for
17 purposes of the provisions of any retirement system created pursuant to
18 the general laws of this state nor shall attendance at such meetings or
19 other service on behalf of the district constitute service as defined
20 in RCW 41.40.010(~~(+9)~~) (37): PROVIDED, That in the case of a port
21 district when commissioners are receiving compensation and contributing
22 to the public employees retirement system, these benefits shall
23 continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the provisions of RCW
24 53.12.260 and 53.12.265.

25 The dollar thresholds for salaries and per diem compensation
26 established in this section must be adjusted for inflation by the
27 office of financial management every five years, beginning July 1,
28 2008, based upon changes in the consumer price index during that time
29 period. "Consumer price index" means, for any calendar year, that
30 year's annual average consumer price index, for Washington state, for
31 wage earners and clerical workers, all items, compiled by the bureau of
32 labor and statistics, United States department of labor. If the bureau
33 of labor and statistics develops more than one consumer price index for
34 areas within the state, the index covering the greatest number of
35 people, covering areas exclusively within the boundaries of the state,
36 and including all items shall be used for the adjustments for inflation
37 in this section. The office of financial management must calculate the

1 new dollar threshold and transmit it to the office of the code reviser
2 for publication in the Washington State Register at least one month
3 before the new dollar threshold is to take effect.

4 A person holding office as commissioner for two or more special
5 purpose districts shall receive only that per diem compensation
6 authorized for one of his or her commissioner positions as compensation
7 for attending an official meeting or conducting official services or
8 duties while representing more than one of his or her districts.
9 However, such commissioner may receive additional per diem compensation
10 if approved by resolution of all boards of the affected commissions.

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