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1 AN ACT Relating to creating equality among port districts
2 participating in the Washington public ports association; and amending
3 RCW 53.06.030 and 53.06.040.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 53.06.030 and 1989 c 425 s 4 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The port district commissions in this state are empowered to
8 designate the Washington public ports association as a coordinating
9 agency through which the duties imposed by RCW 53.06.020 may be
10 performed, harmonized or correlated. The purposes of the Washington
11 public ports association shall be:

12 ~~((1))~~ (a) To initiate and carry on the necessary studies,
13 investigations and surveys required for the proper development and
14 improvement of the commerce and business generally common to all port
15 districts, and to assemble and analyze the data thus obtained and to
16 cooperate with the state of Washington, port districts both within and
17 without the state of Washington, and other operators of terminal and
18 transportation facilities for this purpose, and to make such

1 expenditures as are necessary for these purposes, including the proper
2 promotion and advertising of all such properties, utilities and
3 facilities;

4 ~~((+2))~~ (b) To establish coordinating and joint marketing bodies
5 comprised of association members, including but not limited to
6 establishment of a federation of Washington ports as described in RCW
7 53.06.070, as may be necessary to provide effective and efficient
8 marketing of the state's trade, tourism, and travel resources;

9 ~~((+3))~~ (c) To exchange information relative to port construction,
10 maintenance, operation, administration and management;

11 ~~((+4))~~ (d) To promote and encourage port development along sound
12 economic lines;

13 ~~((+5))~~ (e) To promote and encourage the development of
14 transportation, commerce and industry;

15 ~~((+6))~~ (f) To operate as a clearing house for information, public
16 relations and liaison for the port districts of the state and to serve
17 as a channel for cooperation among the various port districts and for
18 the assembly and presentation of information relating to the needs and
19 requirements of port districts to the public.

20 (2) Port districts participating in a Washington public ports
21 association shall have an equal voice in the governance and
22 decision-making processes of the association. Each participating port
23 district shall have an equal vote with respect to all decisions and
24 resolutions of any public ports association.

25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 53.06.040 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 s 55 are each
26 amended to read as follows:

27 Each port district which designates the Washington public ports
28 association as the agency through which the duties imposed by RCW
29 53.06.020 may be executed is authorized to pay either dues ~~((and/or))~~
30 or assessments, or both, to said association from port district funds
31 in any calendar year ~~((in an amount not exceeding a sum equal to the~~
32 ~~amount which would be raised by a levy of one cent per thousand dollars~~
33 ~~of assessed value against the taxable property within the port~~
34 ~~district)). The amount of any such dues and assessments shall be~~
35 determined by the governing body of an association and must be assessed

1 in an equal dollar amount for each port district participating in the
2 association.

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