# FINAL BILL REPORT
# HB 2748

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description**:  Concerning dues paid to the Washington public ports association by port districts.

**Sponsors**:  Representatives Simpson, Jacks and Chase.

**House Committee on Local Government & Housing**
**Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections**

**Background**:

Port Districts.
Washington's public port districts were authorized by the Legislature in 1911 under the Port District Act.  Port districts have numerous powers related to the movement of goods and the development of facilities within their district.

Washington Public Ports Association.
In 1961 the Legislature established the Washington Public Ports Association (Association) to serve as the coordinating agency for all public port districts in the state.

As specified in statute, the purposes of the Association are to:

- conducting studies common to all ports;
- exchanging information relative to port construction, operation, and management;
- promoting cooperative efforts between ports and local associate development organizations to assist economic development efforts and build local capacity; and
- operating as a clearinghouse for information, public relations, and liaison for member ports.

Membership to the Association is voluntary.  Port districts that are members of the Association are statutorily authorized to pay membership dues.  Association membership dues are established under the Association's bylaws.  Annual dues may not exceed a sum equal to the amount which would be raised by a levy of $.01 per $1,000 of assessed value against the taxable property within the district.

**Summary**:

_This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent._

The statutory limit for Association membership dues is removed.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House   97   0
Senate   44   0

**Effective:**  June 10, 2010