

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS--COMMISSIONER SALARIES

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BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

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FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6717** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

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**Secretary**

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By Senators Hatfield, Pridemore, Sheldon, Hobbs, Berkey, Fairley,  
McDermott, and Delvin

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Operations & Elections.

1            AN ACT Relating to public utility district commissioner salaries;  
2 and amending RCW 54.12.080.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 54.12.080 and 2007 c 469 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) Commissioners of public utility districts are eligible to  
7 receive salaries as follows:

8            (a) Each public utility district commissioner of a district  
9 operating utility properties shall receive a salary of one thousand  
10 four hundred dollars per month during a calendar year if the district  
11 received total gross revenue of over fifteen million dollars during the  
12 fiscal year ending June 30th before the calendar year. However, the  
13 board of commissioners of such a public utility district may pass a  
14 resolution increasing the rate of salary up to ((~~thirteen~~)) one  
15 thousand eight hundred dollars per month.

16            (b) Each public utility district commissioner of a district  
17 operating utility properties shall receive a salary of ((~~seven~~  
18 ~~hundred~~)) one thousand dollars per month during a calendar year if the  
19 district received total gross revenue of from two million dollars to

1 fifteen million dollars during the fiscal year ending June 30th before  
2 the calendar year. However, the board of commissioners of such a  
3 public utility district may pass a resolution increasing the rate of  
4 salary up to (~~nine~~) one thousand three hundred dollars per month.

5 (c) Commissioners of other districts shall serve without salary.  
6 However, the board of commissioners of such a public utility district  
7 may pass a resolution providing for salaries not exceeding (~~four~~) six  
8 hundred dollars per month for each commissioner.

9 (2) In addition to salary, all districts may provide by resolution  
10 for the payment of per diem compensation to each commissioner at a rate  
11 not exceeding ninety dollars for each day or portion thereof spent in  
12 actual attendance at official meetings of the district commission or in  
13 performance of other official services or duties on behalf of the  
14 district, to include meetings of the commission of his or her district  
15 or meetings attended by one or more commissioners of two or more  
16 districts called to consider business common to them, but such  
17 compensation paid during any one year to a commissioner shall not  
18 exceed twelve thousand six hundred dollars. Per diem compensation  
19 shall not be paid for services of a ministerial or professional nature.

20 (3) Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her  
21 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months  
22 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the  
23 district as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,  
24 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to  
25 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver  
26 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

27 (4) Each district commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable  
28 expenses actually incurred in connection with such business and  
29 meetings, including his or her subsistence and lodging and travel while  
30 away from his or her place of residence.

31 (5) Any district providing group insurance for its employees,  
32 covering them, their immediate family, and dependents, may provide  
33 insurance for its commissioner with the same coverage.

34 The dollar thresholds established in this section must be adjusted  
35 for inflation by the office of financial management every five years,  
36 beginning July 1, 2008, based upon changes in the consumer price index  
37 during that time period. "Consumer price index" means, for any  
38 calendar year, that year's annual average consumer price index, for

1 Washington state, for wage earners and clerical workers, all items,  
2 compiled by the bureau of labor and statistics, United States  
3 department of labor. If the bureau of labor and statistics develops  
4 more than one consumer price index for areas within the state, the  
5 index covering the greatest number of people, covering areas  
6 exclusively within the boundaries of the state, and including all items  
7 shall be used for the adjustments for inflation in this section. The  
8 office of financial management must calculate the new dollar threshold  
9 and transmit it to the office of the code reviser for publication in  
10 the Washington State Register at least one month before the new dollar  
11 threshold is to take effect.

12 A person holding office as commissioner for two or more special  
13 purpose districts shall receive only that per diem compensation  
14 authorized for one of his or her commissioner positions as compensation  
15 for attending an official meeting or conducting official services or  
16 duties while representing more than one of his or her districts.  
17 However, such commissioner may receive additional per diem compensation  
18 if approved by resolution of all boards of the affected commissions.

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