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1 AN ACT Relating to the trade center act; amending RCW 53.29.010,
2 53.29.020, and 53.29.030; and adding a new section to chapter 53.29
3 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 53.29.010 and 1989 c 425 s 5 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 It is declared to be the finding of the legislature of the state of
8 Washington that:

9 (1) The servicing functions and activities connected with the
10 oceanborne and overseas airborne trade and commerce of port districts,
11 including customs clearance, shipping negotiations, cargo routing,
12 freight forwarding, financing, insurance arrangements and other similar
13 transactions which are presently performed in various, scattered
14 physical and electronic locations in the districts should be
15 centralized to provide for more efficient and economical transportation
16 of persons and more efficient and economical physical or electronic
17 facilities and services for the exchange and buying, selling and
18 transportation of commodities and other property in world trade and
19 commerce;

1 (2) Unification, at a single, centrally located physical or
2 electronic site of a facility of commerce, i.e., a trade center,
3 accommodating the functions and activities described in subsection (1)
4 of this section and the appropriate governmental, administrative and
5 other services connected with or incidental to transportation and
6 security of persons and property and the promotion and protection of
7 port commerce, and providing a central locale for exhibiting, and
8 otherwise promoting the exchange and buying and selling of commodities
9 and property in world trade and commerce, will materially assist in
10 preserving the material and other benefits of a prosperous port
11 community;

12 (3) The undertaking of the aforesaid unified trade center project
13 by a port district or the Washington public ports association has the
14 single object of preserving, and will aid in the promotion, security,
15 and preservation of, the economic well-being of port districts and the
16 state of Washington and is found and determined to be a public purpose.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 53.29.020 and 1989 c 425 s 6 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 In addition to all other powers granted to port districts, any such
20 district, the Washington public ports association, or the federation of
21 Washington ports as described in RCW 53.06.070 may acquire, as provided
22 for other port properties in RCW 53.08.010, construct, develop, operate
23 and maintain all land or other property interests, buildings,
24 structures or other improvements, and may participate in transactions
25 necessary to provide, electronically or otherwise, facilities or to
26 exercise powers or purposes of a trade center including but not limited
27 to the following electronic or physical facilities:

28 (1) A facility consisting of one or more structures, improvements
29 and areas for the centralized accommodation of public and private
30 agencies, persons and facilities in order to afford improved service to
31 waterborne and airborne import and export trade and commerce;

32 (2) Facilities for the promotion of such import and export trade
33 and commerce, inspection, testing, display and appraisal facilities,
34 foreign trade zones, terminal and transportation facilities, office
35 meeting rooms, auditoriums, libraries, language translation services,
36 storage, warehouse, marketing and exhibition facilities, facilities for
37 federal, state, county and other municipal and governmental agencies
38 providing services relating to the foregoing and including, but not

1 being limited to, customs houses and customs stores, and other
2 incidental facilities and accommodations.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 53.29.030 and 1989 c 425 s 7 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) In carrying out the powers authorized by this chapter and
6 chapter 53.06 RCW, port districts and the Washington public ports
7 association are authorized to cooperate (~~and~~), act, and invest
8 jointly with other public and private agencies and persons, including,
9 but not limited to, the federal government, the state, other ports and
10 municipal corporations, other states and their political subdivisions,
11 and private nonprofit trade promotion groups and associate development
12 organizations.

13 (2) Port districts operating trade center buildings or operating
14 association or federation trade centers, shall pay an annual service
15 fee to the county treasurer wherein the center is located for municipal
16 services rendered to the trade center building. The measure of such
17 service fee shall be equal to three percent of the gross rentals
18 received from the nongovernmental tenants of such trade center
19 building. Such proceeds shall be distributed by the county treasurer
20 as follows: Forty percent to the school district, forty percent to the
21 city, and twenty percent to the county wherein the center is located:
22 PROVIDED, That if the center is located in an unincorporated area,
23 twenty percent shall be allocated to the fire district, forty percent
24 to the school district, and forty percent to the county.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 53.29 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 The definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 53.29.020 and
28 53.29.030 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

29 (1) "Person" has the same meaning as defined in the electronic
30 signatures in global and national commerce act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 7006
31 (8)) in effect on the effective date of this section.

32 (2) "Transaction" has the same meaning as defined in the electronic
33 signatures in global and national commerce act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 7006
34 (13)) in effect on the effective date of this section. However,
35 "transaction" also includes actions relating to governmental affairs.

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