

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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TRADE CENTER ACT

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Yeas 96 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved March 26, 2002

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2450** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER  
**Chief Clerk**

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By Representatives Hatfield, Dunshee, DeBolt, Jarrett and Anderson

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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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