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**SENATE BILL 5450**

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1       AN ACT Relating to public hospital districts insurance coverage for  
2 commissioners; and amending RCW 70.44.050.

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

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.44.050 and 2008 c 31 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       Each commissioner shall receive ninety dollars for each day or  
7 portion thereof spent in actual attendance at official meetings of the  
8 district commission, or in performance of other official services or  
9 duties on behalf of the district, to include meetings of the commission  
10 of his or her own district, or meetings attended by one or more  
11 commissioners of two or more districts called to consider business  
12 common to them, except that the total compensation paid to such  
13 commissioner during any one year shall not exceed eight thousand six  
14 hundred forty dollars. The commissioners may not be compensated for  
15 services performed of a ministerial or professional nature.

16       Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her  
17 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months  
18 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the  
19 district as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,

1 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to  
2 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver  
3 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

4 Any district providing group insurance for its employees, covering  
5 them, their immediate family, and dependents, may provide insurance for  
6 its commissioners with ((the same)) similar coverage. Each  
7 commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually  
8 incurred in connection with such business and meetings, including his  
9 or her subsistence and lodging and travel while away from his or her  
10 place of residence. No resolution shall be adopted without a majority  
11 vote of the whole commission. The commission shall organize by  
12 election of its own members of a president and secretary, shall by  
13 resolution adopt rules governing the transaction of its business and  
14 shall adopt an official seal. All proceedings of the commission shall  
15 be by motion or resolution recorded in a book or books kept for such  
16 purpose, which shall be public records.

17 The dollar thresholds established in this section must be adjusted  
18 for inflation by the office of financial management every five years,  
19 beginning July 1, 2008, based upon changes in the consumer price index  
20 during that time period. "Consumer price index" means, for any  
21 calendar year, that year's annual average consumer price index, for  
22 Washington state, for wage earners and clerical workers, all items,  
23 compiled by the bureau of labor and statistics, United States  
24 department of labor. If the bureau of labor and statistics develops  
25 more than one consumer price index for areas within the state, the  
26 index covering the greatest number of people, covering areas  
27 exclusively within the boundaries of the state, and including all items  
28 shall be used for the adjustments for inflation in this section. The  
29 office of financial management must calculate the new dollar threshold  
30 and transmit it to the office of the code reviser for publication in  
31 the Washington State Register at least one month before the new dollar  
32 threshold is to take effect.

33 A person holding office as commissioner for two or more special  
34 purpose districts shall receive only that per diem compensation  
35 authorized for one of his or her commissioner positions as compensation  
36 for attending an official meeting or conducting official services or  
37 duties while representing more than one of his or her districts.

1    However, such commissioner may receive additional per diem compensation  
2    if approved by resolution of all boards of the affected commissions.

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