

CHAPTER 31.

[ H. B. 52. ]

PORT DISTRICTS—COORDINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMS.

AN ACT relating to port districts; providing for the improvement and coordination of port district administrative procedures and operations.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Legislative determination.

SECTION 1. The necessity and desirability of coordinating the administration programs and operations of all the port districts in this state is recognized and declared as a matter of legislative determination.

Coordination of administrative programs of port commissions, reports of.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the port district commissions in the state to take such action to effect the coordination of the administrative programs and operations of each port district in the state and to submit to the governor and the legislature biennially a joint report or joint reports containing the recommendations for procedural changes which would increase the efficiency of the respective port districts.

Coordinating agency.

SEC. 3. The port district commissions in this state are empowered to designate the Washington public ports association as a coordinating agency through which the duties imposed by section 2 of this act may be performed, harmonized or correlated. The purposes of the Washington public ports association shall be:

Purposes of public ports association.

(1) To initiate and carry on the necessary studies, investigations and surveys required for the proper development and improvement of the commerce and business generally common to all port districts, and to assemble and analyze the data thus obtained and to cooperate with the state of Washington, port districts both within and without the state of Washington, and other operators of terminal and transportation facilities for this purpose, and to make

such expenditures as are necessary for these purposes, including the proper promotion and advertising of all such properties, utilities and facilities;

(2) To exchange information relative to port construction, maintenance, operation, administration and management;

(3) To promote and encourage port development along sound economic lines;

(4) To promote and encourage the development of transportation, commerce and industry;

(5) To operate as a clearing house for information, public relations and liaison for the port districts of the state and to serve as a channel for cooperation among the various port districts and for the assembly and presentation of information relating to the needs and requirements of port districts to the public.

SEC. 4. Each port district which designates the Washington public ports association as the agency through which the duties imposed by section 2 of this act may be executed is authorized to pay dues and/or assessments to said association from port district funds in any calendar year in an amount not exceeding a sum equal to revenues of one twenty-fifth of a mill levy against the assessed valuation of the property within the port district.

Dues for support of public ports association.

SEC. 5. The port district commissions are authorized to take such further action as they deem necessary to comply with the intent of this act, including the attendance at state and district meetings which may be required to formulate the reports provided for in section 2 of this act.

Further action authorized.

SEC. 6. The financial records of the Washington public ports association shall be subject to audit by the Washington state division of municipal corporations of the state auditor.

Auditing financial records of public ports association.

Passed the House January 31, 1961.

Passed the Senate February 15, 1961.

Approved by the Governor February 21, 1961.