PORT DISTRICTS—EXPENDITURES FOR PROMOTIONAL HOSTING, ETC.

AN ACT relating to port districts; and establishing procedure when making certain expenditures for industrial development, trade promotion and promotional hosting.

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

Section 1. Under the authority of Article VIII, section 8, of the state Constitution, port district expenditures for industrial development, trade promotion or promotional hosting shall be pursuant to specific budget items as approved by the port commission at the annual public hearings on the port district budget.

Sec. 2. Funds for promotional hosting expenditures shall be expended only from gross operating revenues and shall not exceed one percent thereof upon the first two million five hundred thousand dollars of such gross operating revenues, one-half of one percent upon the next two million five hundred thousand dollars of such gross operating revenues, and one-fourth of one percent on the excess over five million dollars of such operating revenues: Provided, however, That in no case shall these limitations restrict a port district to less than twenty-five hundred dollars per year from any funds available to the port.

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Sec. 3. Port commissions shall adopt, in writing, rules and regulations governing promotional hosting expenditures by port employees or agents. Such rules shall identify officials and agents authorized to make such expenditures and the approved objectives of such spending. Port commissioners shall not personally make such expenditures, or seek reimbursement therefor, except where specific authorization of such expenditures has been approved by the port commission. All payments and reimbursements shall be identified and supported on vouchers approved by the port auditor.

Sec. 4. The state auditor shall, as provided in chapter 43.09 RCW: (a) Audit expenditures made pursuant to this act; and (b) promulgate appropriate rules and definitions as a part of the uniform system of accounts for port districts to carry out the intent of this act: Provided, That such accounts shall continue to include "gross operating revenues" which shall be exclusive of revenues derived from any property tax levy except as provided in section 2.

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