or agents for the payment of wages or salaries of its employees in the name or by the check of such agent or agents shall be subject to garnishment with respect to salaries or wages so paid, notwithstanding any provision of the law relating to municipal corporations to the contrary.

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CHAPTER 7
[House Bill No. 502]
NUCLEAR THERMAL POWER FACILITIES--JOINT OPERATING AGENCIES--PARTICIPATION AUTHORITY

AN ACT Relating to public utilities; and amending section 1, chapter 159, Laws of 1967 and RCW 54.44.010; amending section 2, chapter 159, Laws of 1967 and RCW 54.44.020; amending sections 3, 4, 5 and 6, chapter 159, Laws of 1967 and RCW 54.44.030, 54.44.040, 54.44.050 and 54.44.060; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 159, Laws of 1967 and RCW 54.44.010 are each amended to read as follows:

It is declared to be in the public interest and for a public purpose that cities of the first class, public utility districts, joint operating agencies organized under chapter 43.52 RCW, and regulated electrical companies be permitted to participate together in the development of nuclear and other thermal power facilities and transmission facilities as hereinafter provided as one means of achieving economies of scale and thereby promoting the economic development of the state and its natural resources to meet the future power needs of the state and all its inhabitants.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 159, Laws of 1967 and RCW 54.44.020 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to the powers heretofore conferred upon cities of the first class, public utility districts organized under chapter 43.52 RCW, and joint operating agencies organized under chapter 43.52 RCW, any such cities and public utility districts which operate electric generating facilities or distribution systems and any joint operating agency shall have power and authority to participate and enter into agreements with each other and with electrical companies which are subject to the jurisdiction of the
Washington utilities and transportation commission or the public utility commissioner of Oregon, hereinafter called "regulated utilities", for the undivided ownership of nuclear and other thermal power generating plants and facilities, and transmission facilities including, but not limited to, related transmission facilities, hereinafter called "common facilities", and for the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance thereof. It shall be provided in such agreements that each city (or public utility district or joint operating agency) shall own a percentage of any common facility equal to the percentage of the money furnished or the value of property supplied by it for the acquisition and construction thereof and shall own and control a like percentage of the electrical output thereof.

Each participant shall defray its own interest and other payments required to be made or deposited in connection with any financing undertaken by it to pay its percentage of the money furnished or value of property supplied by it for the planning, acquisition and construction of any common facility, or any additions or betterments thereto. The agreement shall provide a uniform method of determining and allocating operation and maintenance expenses of the common facility.

Each city, public utility district, joint operating agency and regulated utility participating in the ownership or operation of a common facility shall pay all taxes chargeable to its share of the common facility and the electric energy generated thereby under applicable statutes as now or hereafter in effect.

Sec. 3. Section 3, chapter 159, Laws of 1967 and RCW 54.44.030 are each amended to read as follows:

In carrying out the powers granted in this chapter, each such city (or public utility district or joint operating agency) shall be severally liable only for its own acts and not jointly or severally liable for the acts, omissions or obligations of others. No money or property supplied by any such city (or public utility district or joint operating agency) for the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, operation or maintenance of any common facility shall be credited or otherwise applied to the account of any other participant therein, nor shall the undivided share of any city (or public utility district or joint operating agency) in any common facility be charged, directly or indirectly, with any debt or obligation of any other participant or be subject to any lien as a result thereof. No action in connection with a common facility shall be binding upon any public utility district (or city or joint operating agency) unless authorized or approved by resolution or ordinance of its governing body.

Sec. 4. Section 4, chapter 159, Laws of 1967 and RCW
54.44.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Any such city (or) public utility district or joint operating agency participating in common facilities under this chapter, without an election, may furnish money and provide property, both real and personal, issue and sell revenue bonds pledging revenues of its electric system and its interest or share of the revenues derived from the common facilities and any additions and betterments thereto in order to pay its respective share of the costs of the planning, financing, acquisition and construction thereof. Such bonds shall be issued under the provisions of applicable laws authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for the acquisition and construction of electric public utility properties by cities (or) public utility districts, or joint operating agencies as the case may be. All moneys paid or property supplied by any such city (or) public utility district or joint operating agency for the purpose of carrying out the powers conferred herein are declared to be for a public purpose.

Sec. 5. Section 5, chapter 159, Laws of 1967 and RCW 54.44.050 are each amended to read as follows:

All moneys belonging to cities (or) public utility districts and joint operating agencies in connection with common facilities shall be deposited in such depositories as qualify for the deposit of public funds and shall be accounted for and disbursed in accordance with applicable law.

Sec. 6. Section 6, chapter 159, Laws of 1967 and RCW 54.44.060 are each amended to read as follows:

Any agreement with respect to work to be done or material furnished by any such city (or) public utility district or joint operating agency in connection with the construction, maintenance and operation of the common facilities, and any additions and betterments thereto shall be in conformity, as near as may be, with applicable laws now or hereafter in effect relating to public utility districts or cities of the first class.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The legislature finds that the immediate planning, financing, acquisition and construction of electric generating and transmission facilities as provided in sections 1 through 6 of this 1973 amendatory act is a public necessity to meet the power requirements of the public utility districts, cities, joint operating agencies and regulated utilities referred to in sections 1 through 6 of this 1973 amendatory act and the inhabitants of this state; further that such public utility districts, cities, joint operating agencies and regulated utilities are ready, willing and able to undertake such planning, financing, acquisition and construction of said electric generating and transmission facilities immediately upon the passage of sections 1
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through 6 of this 1973 amendatory act. This 1973 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. If any provision of this 1973 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 8
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CREDIT UNIONS--
LAW REVISIONS