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(3) Exercise, subject to the limitations and restrictions herein imposed, all other powers which are reasonably necessary or essential to carry out the expressed objects and purposes of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. Any person aggrieved by a final determination of the commission as to any rule, regulation, or determination under the provisions of this chapter shall be entitled to an administrative hearing and judicial review in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.04 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. Every person who shall violate or knowingly aid and abet the violation of this chapter or any valid orders, rules, or regulations thereunder, or who fails to perform any act which it is herein made his duty to perform shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Following official notice to the accused by the commission of the existence of an alleged violation, each day upon which a violation occurs shall constitute a separate violation. Any person violating the provisions of this chapter may be enjoined from continuing such violation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. If any provision of this 1973 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. Consistent with the purposes enumerated in section 2 of this 1973 act, the provisions of this chapter shall be liberally construed, and shall not be limited by any rule of strict construction.

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CHAPTER 6

[Senate Bill No. 2176]

PORT DISTRICTS--COMMISSIONERS--INSURANCE COVERAGE FURNISHED

AN ACT Relating to port districts; providing for insurance coverage for port district commissioners; amending section 1, chapter 64, Laws of 1955 as amended by section 1, chapter 20, Laws of 1965 and RCW 53.08.170.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 64, Laws of 1955 as amended by section 1, chapter 20, Laws of 1965 and RCW 53.08.170 are each

amended to read as follows:

The port commission shall have authority to create and fill positions, to fix wages, salaries and bonds thereof, to pay costs and assessments involved in securing or arranging to secure employees, and to establish such benefits for employees, including holiday pay, vacations or vacation pay, retirement and pension benefits, medical, surgical or hospital care, life, accident, or health disability insurance, and similar benefits, already established by other employers of similar employees, as the port commissioner shall by resolution provide: PROVIDED, That any district providing insurance benefits for its employees in any manner whatsoever may provide business related travel, liability, health, errors and omissions and accident insurance, for its commissioners, which insurance shall not be considered to be compensation.

The port commission shall have authority to provide or pay such benefits directly, or to provide for such benefits by the purchase of insurance policies or entering into contracts with and compensating any person, firm, agency or organization furnishing such benefits, or by making contributions to vacation plans or funds, or health and welfare plans and funds, or pension plans or funds, or similar plans or funds, already established by other employers of similar employees and in which the port district is permitted to participate for particular classifications of its employees by the trustees or other persons responsible for the administration of such established plans or funds: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no port district employee shall be allowed to apply for admission to or be accepted as a member of the state employees' retirement system after January 1, 1965 if admission to such system would result in coverage under both a private pension system and the state employees' retirement system, it being the purpose of this proviso that port districts shall not at the same time contribute for any employee to both a private pension or retirement plan and to the state employees' retirement system. The port commission shall have authority by resolution to utilize and compensate agents for the purpose of paying, in the name and by the check of such agent or agents or otherwise, wages, salaries and other benefits to employees, or particular classifications thereof, and for the purpose of withholding payroll taxes and paying over tax moneys so withheld to appropriate government agencies, on a combined basis with the wages, salaries, benefits, or taxes of other employers or otherwise; to enter into such contracts and arrangements with and to transfer by warrant such funds from time to time to any such agent or agents so appointed as are necessary to accomplish such salary, wage, benefit, or tax payments as though the port district were a private employer, notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary. The funds of a port district transferred to such an agent

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 ~~((and))~~, public utility districts organized under chapter ~~((54.04))~~ 54.08 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