commissioner may incorporate the audit report in his report of the examination.

(4) Health maintenance organizations licensed in the state shall be equitably assessed to cover the cost of financial condition and market conduct examinations. The assessments shall be levied not less frequently than once every twelve months and shall be in an amount expected to fund the examinations, including a reasonable margin for cost variations. The assessments shall be established by rules promulgated by the commissioner but shall not exceed one-half cent per month per person entitled to health care services pursuant to a health maintenance agreement as defined in RCW 48.46.020(6), excluding such persons who are not residents of this state. Assessment receipts shall be deposited in the general fund, shall be accounted for separately, and shall be used for the sole purpose of funding the examinations authorized in subsection (1) of this section. Amounts remaining in the separate account at the end of a biennium shall be applied to reduce the assessments in the succeeding biennium.

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CHAPTER 64

[Engrossed House Bill No. 413]
PORT DISTRICTS—LEASE OPTION—THIRTY YEAR EXTENSIONS

AN ACT Relating to port districts; and amending section 9, chapter 65, Laws of 1955 as last amended by section 1, chapter 87, Laws of 1973 and RCW 53.08.080.

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

Sec. 1. Section 9, chapter 65, Laws of 1955 as last amended by section 1, chapter 87, Laws of 1973 and RCW 53.08.080 are each amended to read as follows:

A district may lease all lands, wharves, docks and real and personal property owned and controlled by it, upon such terms as the port commission deems proper: PROVIDED, That no lease shall be for a period longer than fifty years with option for extensions for up to an additional thirty years, except where the property involved is or is to be devoted to airport purposes the port commission may lease said property for such period as may equal the estimated useful life of such work or facilities, but not to exceed seventy-five years: PROVIDED FURTHER, That where the property is held by the district under lease from the United States government or the state of Washington, or any agency or department thereof, the port commission may sublease said property, with option for extensions, up to the

total term and extensions thereof permitted by such lease, but in any event not to exceed ninety years.

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CHAPTER 65

[Engrossed House Bill No. 534] PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREAS——CITIES——BOUNDARY MODIFICATION

AN ACT Relating to public transportation benefit authorities; amending section 11, chapter 270, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 40, chapter 151, Laws of 1979 and RCW 36.57A.010; amending section 14, chapter 270, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36.57A.040; amending section 15, chapter 270, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 44, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 36.57A.050; amending section 24, chapter 270, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36.57A.140; and adding a new section to chapter 36.57A RCW.

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

- Sec. 1. Section 11, chapter 270, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 40, chapter 151, Laws of 1979 and RCW 36.57A.010 are each amended to read as follows:
- ((For the purposes of this chapter the following definitions shall apply:))
 The definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- (1) "Public transportation benefit area" means a municipal corporation of the state of Washington created pursuant to this chapter.
- (2) "Public transportation benefit area authority" or "authority" means the legislative body of a public transportation benefit area.
 - (3) "City" means an incorporated city or town.
- (4) "Component city" means an incorporated city or town within a public transportation benefit area.
 - (5) "City council" means the legislative body of any city or town.
- (6) "County legislative ((body)) <u>authority</u>" means the board of county commissioners or the county council.
- (7) "Population" means the number of residents as shown by the figures released for the most recent official state, federal, or county census, or population determination made by the office of financial management.
- (8) "Public transportation service" means the transportation of packages, passengers, and their incidental baggage by means other than by chartered bus, sight-seeing bus, together with the necessary passenger terminals and parking facilities or other properties necessary for passenger and vehicular access to and from such people moving systems: PROVIDED, That