

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5401

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Setting compensation for public utility district commissioners.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Sellar, Snyder and Haugen).

**Senate Committee on Government Operations**  
**House Committee on Government Administration**

**Background:** Each public utility district commissioner of a district that operates utility properties receives a salary during the calendar year dependent upon the district's total gross revenue from its distribution system and its generating system as follows:

Over \$15 million: \$500/month  
\$2 to \$15 million: \$350/month

Commissioners of other districts serve without salary unless a resolution provides for a salary, which must not exceed \$200/month. This salary schedule has been in effect since 1977.

**Summary:** Public utility district commissioner salaries are raised as follows:

Over \$15 million: From \$500/month to \$1,000/month. A resolution could raise salary up to \$1,300/month.  
\$2 to \$15 million: From \$350/month to \$700/month. A resolution could raise salary up to \$900/month.  
Commissioners of other districts: With passage of a resolution, from up to \$200/month to up to \$400/month.

The total gross revenue of a public utility district, for setting salaries, is no longer restricted to revenue only from a distribution system and its generating system.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	47	1
House	86	11

**Effective:** July 27, 1997