

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2157

As of February 25, 2014

Title: An act relating to per diem compensation for flood control zone district supervisors.

Brief Description: Concerning per diem compensation for flood control zone district supervisors.

Sponsors: House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representative Takko).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/12/14, 91-7.

Committee Activity: Governmental Operations: 2/25/14.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

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Background: Flood control zone districts (FCZDs) are local government entities that may be created by county legislative authorities to provide flood control and drainage services and facilities. FCZDs may be countywide or less-than countywide. More than a dozen FCZDs have been created. County legislative authorities serve as governing bodies of most FCZDs. However, pursuant to authority granting voters in FCZDs with more than 2000 residents the option of authorizing direct election of supervisors, a less-than countywide FCZD in Cowlitz County is governed by separately elected supervisors. Elected FCZD supervisors receive up to \$70 per day for attending official meetings or performing official duties. Compensation may not exceed \$6,720 per year.

Summary of Bill: Beginning on July 1, 2014, compensation of elected FCZD supervisors is increased to up to \$114 per day for attending official meetings or performing official duties. Compensation may not exceed \$10,944 per year. Beginning in 2018 the Office of Financial Management will adjust compensation for inflation every five years, based on a federal consumer price index.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This legislation appropriately puts FCZDs on par with comparable local government entities. The Office of Financial Management periodically adjusts compensation provided by other local government entities, just as this bill provides.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Takko, prime sponsor.