

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1088

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Synopsis as Enacted

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

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

**House Committee on Local Government**  
**Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security**

### **Background:**

#### Special Purpose Districts.

Special purpose districts (SPDs) are local governments separate from a city, town, or county government that are created to provide a limited number of public facilities or services. Members of a SPD governing body may be elected or appointed to office, or serve in *ex officio* capacities as the result of holding other offices.

Special purpose district supervisors or directors elected to office may receive compensation, not to exceed certain dollar threshold amounts, for each day or portion of a day spent in actual attendance at official meetings or in performance of their duties. Different SPD statutes, including, for example, those governing port, water, sewer, diking, drainage, irrigation, and flood control districts, require periodic adjustments for inflation to the dollar thresholds, generally by using the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for Washington.

#### Flood Control Zone Districts.

Flood control zone districts (zones) are a type of SPD created for the purpose of undertaking, operating, or maintaining flood control or storm water control projects, or groups of projects, that are of special benefit to specified areas of the county. Zones are governed by a board of supervisors. In general, the county commissioners in a county where a zone is created serve by virtue of their offices as the zone's board of supervisors. However, for zones containing more than 2,000 residents, an election of supervisors other than the county commissioners may be held.

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In zones with elected supervisors, supervisors may receive up to \$70 for attendance at official meetings and for each day or major part of a day performing necessary services in connection with their duties. The county commissioners fix the amount of compensation, if any, paid to initial supervisors during their initial terms of office, and thereafter, supervisors fix the amount of compensation. A supervisor may choose to waive any or all of their compensation by written waiver.

The maximum amount of supervisors' compensation that may be fixed by the county commissioners or supervisors is as follows: (1) per diem compensation for attendance of meetings and performance of official duties may not exceed \$70 per day; and (2) total compensation in one calendar year may not exceed \$6,720. Adjustments for inflation to these amounts are not required or authorized.

In addition to compensation, supervisors are entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as a supervisor, including reimbursements for food, lodging, and mileage on private vehicles.

#### Consumer Price Index.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the change in prices of all goods and services purchased for consumption by urban households. It is used to illustrate the extent that prices have risen or the amount of inflation that has taken place. The CPI reflects spending patterns for each of two population groups: all urban consumers (CPI-U); and urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-W). The CPI is prepared and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor.

#### **Summary:**

The maximum dollar amounts for supervisors' compensation are increased. Compensation for supervisors, as fixed by the county commissioners or the supervisors, may not exceed \$114 per day and \$10,944 per calendar year. The per diem compensation rate for supervisors in office on January 1, 2015, is \$114.

The Office of Financial Management is required to adjust for inflation the statutory dollar thresholds for supervisor compensation every five years, beginning July 1, 2018. Adjustments for inflation must be based upon the CPI-W for Washington, and must be calculated and transmitted for publication to the Office of the Code Reviser at least one month before the new threshold is to take effect.

#### **Votes on Final Passage:**

House	98	0	
Senate	47	1	(Senate amended)
House			(House refused to concur)
Senate	45	3	(Senate receded)

**Effective:** July 24, 2015