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3 **AN ORDER OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION**
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5 ...setting a timeline for the completion of the assessment of
6 prior sound insulated properties; creating a Sound
7 Insulation Repair and Replacement Pilot Program; and
8 setting equity guidelines for this program.
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10 **PROPOSED**
11 **FEBRUARY 13, 2024**
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14 **TEXT OF THE ORDER**
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16 The Port Commission hereby orders an assessment regarding the effectiveness of previously
17 installed Port of Seattle funded noise insulation packages be conducted and concluded by the end
18 of the year 2024. The assessment will involve extensive outreach, collection of information from
19 property owners and analysis of that information. Results of that assessment shall be delivered to
20 the Commission by January 21, 2025.

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22 The Commission also directs the establishment of a "Sound Insulation Repair and Replacement
23 Pilot Program" at the Port of Seattle to identify the issues involved in the repair and re-insulation
24 for prioritized homes. Effective immediately, the Commission authorizes an initial commitment
25 of \$5 million dollars for this program. The Port will seek state matching funds and federal grant
26 funding (if available) as well.
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28 The Port shall use its equity index or other data-driven tool developed by the Port's Office of
29 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, as well as other program criteria to identify and prioritize
30 properties that will be part of this limited pilot program. The equity index shall help determine
31 who should receive priority consideration for repair and/or replacement of their noise insulation
32 during the pilot.
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34 Upon the completion of the pilot program, a comprehensive report shall be presented to
35 Commissioners, Washington State and Federal Legislators for evaluation and further action.
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37 **STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDER**
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39 In the 1980s the Port of Seattle pioneered a type of residential aircraft noise insulation program
40 that was later implemented at many other U.S. airports. The Port has recently expedited efforts to
41 insulate various types of residences and places of worship that are eligible under Federal
42 Aviation Administration guidelines but have not yet received noise insulation.
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44 Commissioners routinely hear from constituents that due to several factors, including the age and
45 durability of sound insulation installed several decades ago, some of the Port funded sound

46 insulation packages may no longer be effective. In response to these community concerns and
47 federal noise mandates, this pilot includes an assessment regarding insulation packages paid for
48 by the Port. The Port has not yet identified the number of residents who may have packages not
49 meeting noise standards and in need of repair, which this Order also intends to rectify.

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51 Both past and present members of the Port’s federal legislative delegation have made efforts to
52 secure federal funds for noise insulation in the communities surrounding SEA. The Port has also
53 supported/advocated for legislative changes to address the issue of re-insulation. Since 1985, the
54 Port’s sound insulation program has reached out to every single homeowner within the relevant
55 65 DNL noise contour and provided sound insulation to over 9000 homes. There are currently
56 approximately 100 homes that have not received packages for a variety of reasons. Additionally,
57 the program is currently providing insulation to apartment buildings, condominiums and places
58 of worship. The Port is committed to completing the insulation of the currently eligible buildings
59 while concurrently making progress to identify, evaluate, and repair packages that may be in
60 need of this work. This Order intends to pilot a solution so that the Port of Seattle can continue to
61 lead the nation in resolving this issue.

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63 This Order seeks to start a process that will, in a deliberate, equitable, and prioritized fashion,
64 provide Port funding to assist in the repair and replacement of eligible noise insulation.

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