

Port of Seattle Commissioners Per Diem

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Current Commissioner Per Diem

- Resolution 3678—In 2013 Commission:
 - Tied commissioners' salaries to State of WA legislators
 - Did not address commissioners' per diem
- Per diem is \$128/day; up to 120 days per year
- Maximum annual per diem is \$15,360

Increased Workload

- Northwest Seaport Alliance
- Commission Committees
- Additional number of stakeholders and meetings
- Most commissioners expire their per diem by August

2022 State Legislators' Per Diem

- WA state legislators' rate is \$185/day*
- Rate is set at 89% of the federal per diem rate

** National Conference of State Legislators*

Legislators' Requirements to Receive Per Diem

- State legislators receive compensation for each day's attendance during the legislative session*
- Legislators may also receive an allowance for a day or major portion thereof in which they are engaged in legislative business**

** Article II of the Washington State Constitution*

*** RCW 44.04.120*

Proposed Commissioner Compensation

- Per diem: \$185 per day
- Up to 205 days per year
- Maximum annual per diem is \$37,925
- Ties commissioners' rate to state legislators' rate

Current and Proposed Rate Equations

	Rate	# of Days Allowed	Total Possible Annual Reward
Current per Diem	\$128	120	\$15,360
Proposed per Diem	\$185	205	\$37,925

Benefits and Caveats of New per Diem

- Enable and inspire more citizens to run for office
- Attract citizens of the highest quality to public service*
- Pay according to duties*
- Commissioners may choose to not receive per diem
- New per diem only applies to newly elected or re-elected commissioners

** Washington Citizen's Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials*

Questions?