

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1024

As Reported by House Committee On:
State Government & Tribal Affairs

Title: An act relating to designating Aplets and Cotlets as the state candy.

Brief Description: Designating Aplets and Cotlets as the state candy.

Sponsors: Representatives Armstrong, Liias and Williams.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government & Tribal Affairs: 1/20/09 [DP].

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designates Aplets and Cotlets as the official state candy.
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 6 members: Representatives Hunt, Chair; Appleton, Vice Chair; Armstrong, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Flannigan and Miloscia.

Minority Report: Without recommendation. Signed by 1 member: Representative Hudgins.

Staff: Pam Madson (786-7111)

Background:

The Legislature has designated specific symbols in a number of categories as the official representative for Washington. Washington has an official state tree, grass, flower, fruit, marine mammal, bird, insect, fossil, and fish. No candy has been designated as the official state candy.

Aplets and Cotlets are candies using fruit and nuts that have been produced in Washington for over 80 years.

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Summary of Bill:

Aplets and Cotlets are designated as the official candy of Washington.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) The idea for this bill came from a group of students at Chehalis Middle School while studying Washington history, government and state symbols. Students considered other candy products but selected Aplets and Cotlets because the fruit comes from Washington and the founders chose to name their company Liberty Orchards because of the importance of liberty to them when they came to Washington. This product has been produced in Washington for 80 years. This is a product that goes all over the world and is something everyone can enjoy. The fruit base of the candy supports Washington's fruit industry. This bill represents the goal of one Washington - eastern Washington where much of the fruit is grown and western Washington where products use transportation links to get to market.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Armstrong, prime sponsor; Representative Liias; and Lindsey Tellevik, Amy Schultz, and Skyler Templeton, Chehalis Middle School.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.