
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5150

State of Washington

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By Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senator Shewmake)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the beef commission; amending RCW 16.67.120;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 16.67 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.67.120 and 2002 c 313 s 83 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby levied an assessment of (~~one dollar per~~)
7 \$2.50 head on all Washington cattle sold in this state or elsewhere
8 to be paid by the seller at the time of sale: PROVIDED, That if such
9 sale is accompanied by a brand inspection by the department such an
10 assessment may be collected at the same time, place and in the same
11 manner as brand inspection fees. Such fees may be collected by the
12 livestock (~~services—division~~) identification program of the
13 department and transmitted to the commission: PROVIDED FURTHER, That,
14 if such sale is made without a brand inspection by the department the
15 assessment shall be paid by the seller and transmitted directly to
16 the commission by the (~~fifteenth~~) 15th day of the month following
17 the month the transaction occurred. \$1.50 of the \$2.50 assessment
18 levied under this subsection may not be collected at the first point
19 of sale of any calf identified with a green tag as identified in RCW
20 16.57.160.

1 (2) The procedures for collecting all state and federal
2 assessments under this chapter shall be as required by the federal
3 order and as described by rules adopted by the commission.

4 (3) The commission shall submit a report by January 1st of each
5 year, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, to the appropriate committees
6 of the legislature having oversight over agriculture. The report must
7 provide an accounting of the funds collected under this section for
8 the previous year, including a record of the amount collected, the
9 amount spent, and the purposes for which the funds were used.

10 (4) The commission shall hold board meetings in different
11 geographic regions of the state throughout the year, with at least
12 two meetings held east of the crest of the Cascade mountains.
13 Geographic regions must include the northeast, southeast, central
14 southwest, and northwest regions of the state.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 16.67
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 The commission may fund, conduct, or otherwise participate in
18 scientific research related to beef including, without limitation, to
19 improve production, quality, transportation, processing,
20 distribution, and environmental stewardship.

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