
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1671

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By House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Clements, Chandler, Grant and Mastin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to agricultural commodity commissions; adding a new
2 section to chapter 15.65 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 15.26
3 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 15.65 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The hop commodity board may raise the rate of annual assessment in
8 excess of the fiscal growth factor under chapter 43.135 RCW from the
9 assessment of two dollars and fifty cents per affected unit in effect
10 under chapter 16-532 WAC on the effective date of this act to three
11 dollars per affected unit. For this purpose, the affected unit is two
12 hundred pounds net of hops or the amount of lupulin, extract, or oil
13 produced from two hundred pounds net of hops.

14 The mint commodity board may raise the rate of annual assessment in
15 excess of the fiscal growth factor under chapter 43.135 RCW from the
16 assessment of three and one-half cents per affected unit in effect
17 under chapter 16-540 WAC on the effective date of this act to five
18 cents per affected unit. For this purpose, the affected unit is one

1 pound of mint oil as distilled from mint plants grown by an affected
2 producer and as weighed by the first purchaser.

3 The assessment limits established by this section are set solely to
4 provide prior legislative authority for the purposes of RCW 43.135.055
5 and may not be construed as providing a limitation on the authority of
6 either commodity board to alter assessments in any manner not limited
7 by RCW 43.135.055. However, any alteration in assessments made under
8 the authority of this section shall be made in compliance with the
9 procedural requirements established by this chapter for altering or
10 amending such assessments.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 15.26 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 The Washington tree fruit research commission may raise the
14 assessment on cherries in excess of the fiscal growth factor under
15 chapter 43.135 RCW from the assessment of two dollars per ton in effect
16 under chapter 16-560 WAC on the effective date of this act to four
17 dollars per ton. The commission may also establish an additional
18 assessment on all tree fruits under RCW 15.26.155 of not more than
19 eight cents per ton.

20 The assessment limits established by this section are set solely to
21 provide prior legislative authority for the purposes of RCW 43.135.055
22 and may not be construed as providing a limitation on the authority of
23 the tree fruit research commission to alter assessments in any manner
24 not limited by RCW 43.135.055. However, any alteration in assessments
25 made under the authority of this section shall be made in compliance
26 with the procedural requirements established by this chapter for
27 altering or amending such assessments.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
29 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
30 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
31 effect July 1, 1995.

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