

ANALYSIS OF HB 1432

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Expressly expands the authority of the Dairy Products Commission to include participating in federal and state regulatory activities and expending funds and educating the dairy industry regarding these matters.

BACKGROUND:

The Washington State Dairy Products Commission is an agricultural commodity commission that has been created directly by statute. (R.W. 15.44.020.) Among the authorities of the Commission are: conducting scientific research designed to improve milk production, quality, transportation, processing, and distribution; and developing uses and markets for dairy products and promoting their sale. (RCW 15.44.060.)

SUMMARY:

Expressly added to the powers of the Commission are the authorities:

- to participate in federal and state regulatory activities and expend funds for these purposes when the activities affect the production, manufacture, distribution, sale or use of dairy products; and*
- to educate the dairy industry regarding such matters.*

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