
**Agriculture & Natural Resources
Committee**

HB 2568

Brief Description: Modifying provisions relating to the dairy products commission.

Sponsors: Representatives Blake, Newhouse and Chase.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Makes changes regarding the composition of the Washington Dairy Products Commission.

Hearing Date: 1/24/08

Staff: Colleen Kerr (786-7168).

Background:

The Washington Dairy Products Commission (WDPC/the Commission) was created by the Washington State Legislature in 1939 under RCW 15.44. The WDPC is directed by a board of ten commissioners comprised of seven dairy producers, one producer-dealer, one processor representative, and one representative of the Washington State Department of Agriculture. The Director of the State Department of Agriculture appoints commissioners and oversees WDPC budgetary expenditures.

Summary of Bill:

The Commission shall be composed of nine members, and removes the requirement that one commissioner is a producer-dealer. When only one candidate is nominated for a position, the Director has the discretion to appoint or reject the candidate. Vacancies will be filled by appointment by the Director from a list of candidates proposed by the Commission. When only one candidate is proposed, the Director may appoint or reject the candidate and request an additional candidates from the Commission.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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