

RCW 69.48.120 Department to set program fees. (1) (a) The department shall: Determine its costs for the administration, oversight, and enforcement of the requirements of this chapter, including, but not limited to, a fee for proposal review, and the survey required under RCW 69.48.200; pursuant to RCW 43.70.250, set fees at a level sufficient to recover the costs associated with administration, oversight, and enforcement; and adopt rules establishing requirements for program operator proposals.

(b) The department shall not impose any fees in excess of its actual administrative, oversight, and enforcement costs. The fees collected from each program operator in calendar year 2020 and any subsequent year may not exceed ten percent of the program's annual expenditures as reported to the department in the annual report required by RCW 69.48.100 and determined by the department.

(c) Adjustments to the department's fees may be made annually and shall not exceed actual administration, oversight, and enforcement costs. Adjustments for inflation may not exceed the percentage change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the United States as calculated by the United States department of labor as averaged by city for the twelve-month period ending with June of the previous year.

(d) The annual fee set by the department shall be evenly split amongst each approved program operator.

(e) The department shall collect annual operating fees from each program operator by October 1, 2019, and annually thereafter.

(f) Between July 25, 2021, and January 1, 2024, the department shall collect a nonrefundable one-time fee of \$157,000 for review of proposals from each potential program operator applicant as provided in RCW 69.48.050.

(2) All fees collected under this section must be deposited in the secure drug take-back program account established in RCW 69.48.130. [2021 c 155 s 5; 2018 c 196 s 12.]

Sunset Act application: See note following chapter digest.

Findings—Intent—2021 c 155: See note following RCW 69.48.010.