

HOUSE BILL 2553

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By Representatives Blake, Orcutt, Morris, and Hargrove

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1 AN ACT Relating to adjusting assessments levied on hardwood
2 processors; amending RCW 15.74.060; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.74.060 and 1991 c 67 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 To provide for permanent funding of the Washington hardwoods
7 commission, agricultural commodity assessments shall be levied by the
8 commission on processors of hardwoods.

9 An assessment is hereby levied on hardwood processors operating
10 within the state of Washington. The assessment ((categories)) shall
11 be based on the hardwood processor's production per calendar quarter.
12 The assessment shall be ((levied based upon the following schedule:

	CATEGORY	QUARTERLY PRODUCTION (THOUSAND TONS)	QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT
16	1	5 to 7.5	\$ 150
17	2	7.5 to 15	\$ 300
18	3	15 to 25	\$ 600
19	4	25 to 35	\$ 900

1	5	35 to 45	\$1,200
2	6	45 to 62.5	\$1,500
3	7	62.5 to 82.5	\$2,250
4	8	82.5 to 125	\$3,000
5	9	125 to 175	\$4,500
6	10	175 to 250	\$6,000
7	11	250 to 350	\$9,000
8	12	350 to 450	\$12,000
9	13	450 to 625	\$15,000
10	14	625 to 875	\$22,500
11	15	875 to 1125	\$30,000
12	16	Over 1125	\$35,000))
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14 four cents per ton produced.

15 The commission may develop by rule formulas for converting other
16 units of measure to ~~((thousands of))~~ tons of production for
17 determining the appropriate production ~~((category))~~ per calendar
18 quarter. The assessment shall be calculated based upon calendar
19 quarters ~~((with the first assessment period beginning July 1, 1991))~~.
20 Beginning July 1, 2019, and every July 1st thereafter, the assessment
21 must be adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the implicit
22 price deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United
23 States as published for the most recent twelve-month period by the
24 bureau of economic analysis of the federal department of commerce by
25 September 25th of the year before the assessments are payable.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2018.

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