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By Senators Anderson, Bailey, Barr, Gaspard, Newhouse, Sellar, Jesernig and Bauer

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1 AN ACT Relating to the fruit commission; and amending RCW
2 15.28.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.28.180 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 73 s 1 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 The same assessment shall be made for each soft tree fruit, except
7 that if a two-thirds majority of the state commodity committee of any
8 fruit recommends in writing the levy of an additional assessment on
9 that fruit, or any classification thereof, for any year or years, the
10 commission may levy such assessment for that year or years up to the
11 maximum of (~~twelve~~) eighteen dollars for each two thousand pounds of
12 any fruit except cherries or any classification thereof, as to which
13 the assessment may be increased to a maximum of (~~twenty~~) thirty
14 dollars for each two thousand pounds, and except pears covered by this

1 chapter, as to which the assessment may be increased to a maximum of
2 ((~~fourteen~~) eighteen) dollars for each two thousand pounds: PROVIDED,
3 That no increase in the assessment on pears becomes effective unless
4 the increase is first referred by the commission to a referendum by the
5 Bartlett pear growers of the state and is approved by a majority of the
6 growers voting on the referendum. The method and procedure of
7 conducting the referendum shall be determined by the commission. Any
8 funds so raised shall be expended solely for the purposes provided in
9 this chapter and solely for such fruit, or classification thereof.

10 The commission has the authority in its discretion to exempt in
11 whole or in part from future assessments under this chapter, during
12 such period as the commission may prescribe, any of the soft tree
13 fruits or any particular strain or classification of them.