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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6098**

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**By** Senate Committee on Agriculture (originally sponsored by Senators M. Rasmussen, Newhouse, Snyder and Quigley; by request of Department of Agriculture)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the dairy inspection program; and amending RCW  
2 15.36.105 and 15.36.107.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.36.105 and 1993 1st sp.s. c 19 s 1 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 There is levied on all milk processed in this state an assessment  
7 not to exceed fifty-four one-hundredths of one cent per hundredweight.  
8 The director shall determine, by rule, an assessment, that with  
9 contribution from the general fund, will support an inspection program  
10 to maintain compliance with the provisions of the pasteurized milk  
11 ordinance of the national conference on interstate milk shipment. All  
12 assessments shall be levied on the operator of the first milk plant  
13 receiving the milk for processing. This shall include milk plants that  
14 produce their own milk for processing and milk plants that receive milk  
15 from other sources. All moneys collected under this section shall be  
16 paid to the director by the twentieth day of the succeeding month for  
17 the previous month's assessments. The director shall deposit the funds  
18 into the dairy inspection account hereby created within the  
19 agricultural local fund established in RCW 43.23.230. The funds shall

1 be used only to provide inspection services to the dairy industry. If  
2 the operator of a milk plant fails to remit any assessments, that sum  
3 shall be a lien on any property owned by him or her, and shall be  
4 reported by the director and collected in the manner and with the same  
5 priority over other creditors as prescribed for the collection of  
6 delinquent taxes under chapters 84.60 and 84.64 RCW.

7 ~~((This section shall take effect July 1, 1992, and shall expire~~  
8 ~~June 30, 1994.)) This section shall expire June 30, 1995.~~

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 15.36.107 and 1992 c 160 s 2 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 (1) There is created a dairy inspection program advisory committee.  
12 The committee shall consist of nine members. The committee shall be  
13 appointed by the director from names submitted by dairy producer  
14 organizations or from handlers of milk products. The committee shall  
15 consist of four members who are producers of milk or their  
16 representatives, and four members who are handlers or their  
17 representatives, and one member who must be a producer-handler.

18 (2) The purpose of this advisory committee is to assist the  
19 director by providing recommendations regarding the dairy inspection  
20 program, that are consistent with the pasteurized milk ordinance. The  
21 advisory committee shall (a) review and evaluate the program including  
22 the efficiency of the administration of the program, the adequacy of  
23 the level of inspection staff, the ratio of inspectors to number of  
24 dairy farm inspections per year, and the ratio of inspectors to  
25 management employees; and (b) consider alternatives to the state  
26 program, which may include privatization of various elements of the  
27 inspection program.

28 (3) The committee shall meet as necessary to complete its work.  
29 Meetings of the committee are subject to the open public meetings act.

30 ~~((4) Not later than October 15, 1992, the advisory committee shall~~  
31 ~~issue a preliminary report of its findings to the dairy industry. The~~  
32 ~~committee shall solicit comments from the dairy industry which shall be~~  
33 ~~reflected in the committee's final report.~~

34 ~~(5) Not later than December 1, 1992, the advisory committee shall~~  
35 ~~report to the agricultural committees of the house of representatives~~

1 ~~and senate its recommendations for long term structure and funding of~~  
2 ~~the dairy inspection program.))~~

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