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- 5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 6 following:
- 7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 15.65 RCW 8 to read as follows:
- 9 The hop commodity board may raise the rate of annual assessment in excess of the fiscal growth factor under chapter 43.135 RCW from the assessment of two dollars and fifty cents per affected unit in effect under chapter 16-532 WAC on the effective date of this act to three dollars per affected unit. For this purpose, the affected unit is two hundred pounds net of hops or the amount of lupulin, extract, or oil produced from two hundred pounds net of hops.
  - The mint commodity board may raise the rate of annual assessment in excess of the fiscal growth factor under chapter 43.135 RCW from the assessment of three and one-half cents per affected unit in effect under chapter 16-540 WAC on the effective date of this act to five cents per affected unit. For this purpose, the affected unit is one pound of mint oil as distilled from mint plants grown by an affected producer and as weighed by the first purchaser.
- 23 The assessment limits established by this section are set solely to provide prior legislative authority for the purposes of RCW 43.135.055 24 25 and may not be construed as providing a limitation on the authority of 26 either commodity board to alter assessments in any manner not limited 27 by RCW 43.135.055. However, any alteration in assessments made under the authority of this section shall be made in compliance with the 28 29 procedural requirements established by this chapter for altering or 30 amending such assessments.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 15.26 RCW to read as follows:
- 33 The Washington tree fruit research commission may raise the 34 assessment on cherries in excess of the fiscal growth factor under 35 chapter 43.135 RCW from the assessment of two dollars per ton in effect

under chapter 16-560 WAC on the effective date of this act to four dollars per ton. The commission may also establish an additional assessment on all tree fruits under RCW 15.26.155 of not more than eight cents per ton.

5 The assessment limits established by this section are set solely to provide prior legislative authority for the purposes of RCW 43.135.055 6 and may not be construed as providing a limitation on the authority of 7 the tree fruit research commission to alter assessments in any manner 8 not limited by RCW 43.135.055. However, any alteration in assessments 9 10 made under the authority of this section shall be made in compliance with the procedural requirements established by this chapter for 11 altering or amending such assessments. 12

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1995."

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On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "commissions;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 15.65 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 15.26 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency."

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