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SENATE BILL 5540

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By Senators Sheahan and Rasmussen

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1            AN ACT Relating to seed testing and certification fees; adding a  
2 new section to chapter 15.49 RCW; providing an effective date; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 15.49 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) Fees established under this chapter pertaining to laboratory  
8 testing and seed certification may be increased by the department by  
9 rule during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, in excess of the  
10 fiscal growth factor as determined under chapter 43.135 RCW.

11            (2) Subsection (1) of this section is null and void if any of the  
12 moneys from any source that have been deposited in the agricultural  
13 local fund are transferred to the general fund or authorized to be  
14 transferred to the general fund by legislation enacted after January 1,  
15 2003, and before July 1, 2003.

16            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act is necessary for the  
17 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or

1 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,  
2 and takes effect July 1, 2003.

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