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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake, Kretz, Grant, VanDeWege, Orcutt, McCoy, Hailey, Pettigrew, Kenney, Loomis, Pearson, and Newhouse)

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1 AN ACT Relating to specialty agricultural structures; amending RCW
2 19.27.100; adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that the
6 benefits of a productive and prosperous agricultural economy are
7 numerous and are enjoyed throughout the state. Washington's
8 agricultural products are a vital part of the state's economic and
9 cultural fabric, and are consumed in countless local, regional, and
10 international markets. The legislature recognizes also that it plays
11 a meaningful role in promoting the health of the state's agricultural
12 economy.

13 (2) The legislature further recognizes that it has a duty to secure
14 the well-being of its citizens through the establishment and
15 enforcement of requirements for safe physical structures, and that
16 these requirements are implemented through locally issued building
17 permits.

18 (3) The legislature intends this legislation to promote the health
19 of the state's agricultural economy and to ensure the safety of its

1 citizens. The legislature intends for these two objectives to be met
2 by establishing a statewide permit cost for specialty agricultural
3 structures.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The charge under this chapter for permits for specialty
7 agricultural structures constructed on a commercial agricultural
8 operation may not exceed one hundred fifty dollars. Specialty
9 agricultural structures are those that are designed and constructed to
10 house farm equipment, hay, grain, poultry, livestock, or other
11 horticultural products. Human habitation, public use, and employment
12 where agricultural products are processed, treated, or packaged are not
13 permitted uses of a specialty agricultural structure.

14 (2) No plan review is necessary for a preengineered specialty
15 agricultural structure on a commercial agricultural operation if the
16 design has been:

- 17 (a) Approved by a state licensed and registered engineer; and
18 (b) Certified to meet local conditions related to wind load, snow
19 load, and other natural forces.

20 (3) For the purposes of this section, "commercial agricultural
21 operation" means an operation that generates an average of at least ten
22 thousand dollars gross income per year from the sale of agricultural
23 products.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 19.27.100 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 8 s 1 are each amended
25 to read as follows:

26 Except as provided in section 2 of this act, nothing in this
27 chapter shall prohibit a city, town, or county of the state from
28 imposing fees different from those set forth in the state building
29 code.

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