

**SB 6056 - DIGEST**

Requires the Washington State University agricultural research center for bioproducts and bioenergy to conduct a study that includes the potential and suitability of growing sugar beets for biofuel production that evaluates the following factors: (1) Current and potential availability of sugar beet feedstock sources in the state;

(2) Suitability of growing conditions in various regions of the state;

(3) Expected fuel yield per acre, in relation to other potential biofuel feedstocks;

(4) Technological feasibility of converting sugar beets into fuel;

(5) Economic feasibility of growing sugar beets for production of biofuel;

(6) A description of the infrastructure needed including processing plants and machinery;

(7) The opportunity to produce coproducts and by-products such as an alternative feed source for livestock; and

(8) Potential contributions to rural economic development.

Requires that, by December 1, 2009, the Washington State University agricultural research center for bioproducts and bioenergy shall provide a written report to the chief clerk of the house of representatives and to the secretary of the senate containing the findings and conclusions of its study.

Appropriates the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the Washington State University agricultural research center for bioproducts and bioenergy for the purposes of this act.

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