

HB 1620 - S COMM AMD  
By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 77.32.555 and 2009 c 577 s 1 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) In addition to the fees authorized in this chapter, the  
6 department shall include a surcharge to fund biotoxin testing and  
7 monitoring by the department of health of beaches used for  
8 recreational shellfishing, and to fund monitoring by the Olympic  
9 region harmful algal bloom program of the Olympic natural resources  
10 center at the University of Washington. The surcharge on recreational  
11 shellfish licenses cannot be increased more than one dollar and can  
12 only be increased when the surcharge for commercial shellfish  
13 licenses is increased. A surcharge of (~~three~~) four dollars applies  
14 to resident and nonresident shellfish and seaweed licenses as  
15 authorized by RCW 77.32.520(3) (a) and (b); a surcharge of (~~two~~)  
16 three dollars applies to resident and nonresident adult combination  
17 licenses as authorized by RCW 77.32.470(2)(a); a surcharge of (~~two~~)  
18 three dollars applies to annual resident and nonresident razor clam  
19 licenses as authorized by RCW 77.32.520(4); and a surcharge of  
20 (~~one~~) two dollars applies to the three-day razor clam license  
21 authorized by RCW 77.32.520(5). Amounts collected from these  
22 surcharges must be deposited in the biotoxin account created in  
23 subsection (3) of this section. The department may not use any  
24 amounts collected from these surcharges to pay for its administrative  
25 costs.

26 (2) Any moneys from surcharges remaining in the general fund—  
27 local account after the 2007-2009 biennium must be transferred to the  
28 biotoxin account created in subsection (3) of this section and be  
29 credited to the appropriate institution. The department of health and  
30 the University of Washington shall, by December 1st of each year,  
31 provide a letter to the relevant legislative policy and fiscal  
32 committees on the status of expenditures. This letter shall include,  
33 but is not limited to, the annual appropriation amount, the amount

1 not expended, account fund balance, and reasons for not spending the  
2 full annual appropriation.

3 (3) The biotoxin account is created in the state treasury to be  
4 administered by the department of health. All moneys received under  
5 subsection (1) of this section must be deposited in the account and  
6 used by the department of health and the University of Washington as  
7 required by subsection (1) of this section. Of the moneys deposited  
8 into the account, one hundred fifty thousand dollars per year must be  
9 made available to the University of Washington to implement  
10 subsection (1) of this section. Moneys in the account may be spent  
11 only after appropriation."

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12 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "monitoring;" strike the  
13 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 77.32.555."

EFFECT: The department of fish and wildlife may not use biotoxin testing and monitoring surcharge revenue to pay for administrative costs. The department of health and the department of fish and wildlife are also directed to raise the surcharge for recreational licenses at the same time the commercial shellfish license surcharge is raised. The recreational surcharge increase cannot be more than one dollar.

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