

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6073**

Chapter 71, Laws of 2018

65th Legislature  
2018 Regular Session

HARDWOOD PROCESSORS--COMMISSION ASSESSMENT

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

Passed by the Senate January 25, 2018  
Yeas 48 Nays 1

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House February 27, 2018  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved March 15, 2018 11:25 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6073** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**Secretary**

FILED

March 16, 2018

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senator Takko

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1       AN ACT Relating to adjusting assessments levied on hardwood  
2 processors; amending RCW 15.74.060; and providing an effective date.

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

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.74.060 and 1991 c 67 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       To provide for permanent funding of the Washington hardwoods  
7 commission, agricultural commodity assessments shall be levied by the  
8 commission on processors of hardwoods.

9       An assessment is hereby levied on hardwood processors operating  
10 within the state of Washington. The assessment ((categories)) shall  
11 be based on the hardwood processor's production per calendar quarter.  
12 The assessment shall be ((levied based upon the following schedule:

|    | CATEGORY | QUARTERLY<br>PRODUCTION<br>(THOUSAND TONS) | QUARTERLY<br>ASSESSMENT |
|----|----------|--|-------------------------|
| 13 |          |  |                         |
| 14 |          |  |                         |
| 15 |          |  |                         |
| 16 | 1        | 5 to 7.5                                   | \$ 150                  |
| 17 | 2        | 7.5 to 15                                  | \$ 300                  |
| 18 | 3        | 15 to 25                                   | \$ 600                  |
| 19 | 4        | 25 to 35                                   | \$ 900                  |

|    |    |              |            |
|----|----|--------------|------------|
| 1  | 5  | 35 to 45     | \$1,200    |
| 2  | 6  | 45 to 62.5   | \$1,500    |
| 3  | 7  | 62.5 to 82.5 | \$2,250    |
| 4  | 8  | 82.5 to 125  | \$3,000    |
| 5  | 9  | 125 to 175   | \$4,500    |
| 6  | 10 | 175 to 250   | \$6,000    |
| 7  | 11 | 250 to 350   | \$9,000    |
| 8  | 12 | 350 to 450   | \$12,000   |
| 9  | 13 | 450 to 625   | \$15,000   |
| 10 | 14 | 625 to 875   | \$22,500   |
| 11 | 15 | 875 to 1125  | \$30,000   |
| 12 | 16 | Over 1125    | \$35,000)) |
| 13 |    |              |            |

14 four cents per ton produced.

15 The commission may develop by rule formulas for converting other  
16 units of measure to (~~(thousands of)~~) tons of production for  
17 determining the appropriate production (~~(category)~~) per calendar  
18 quarter. The assessment shall be calculated based upon calendar  
19 quarters (~~(with the first assessment period beginning July 1, 1991)~~).  
20 Beginning July 1, 2019, and every July 1st thereafter, the assessment  
21 must be adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the implicit  
22 price deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United  
23 States as published for the most recent twelve-month period by the  
24 bureau of economic analysis of the federal department of commerce by  
25 September 25th of the year before the assessments are payable.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2018.

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