

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2217

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning cottage food product labeling requirements.

Sponsors: Representatives Eslick, Leavitt, Chambers, Callan, Dent, Walsh, Corry, Jenkin, Van Werven, Shewmake, Young and Wylie.

House Committee on Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

Background:

Under the State Cottage Food Program, a person may produce certain food products that are not potentially hazardous in a home kitchen for direct sale to a consumer. Examples of cottage food products are baked goods, jams, jellies, fruit butters, and preserves. In order to operate a cottage food business, a person must obtain a cottage food permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA). The WSDA issues a unique number for each cottage food permit.

Cottage food products must be packaged and properly labeled with certain information including: the address of the cottage food business; the name and ingredients of the product, including any allergen identification; and the product's net weight or volume. The label must also include a disclosure that the product was made in a home kitchen that was not subjected to standard inspection criteria.

Summary:

Instead of including the business address on the label of its cottage food products, a business must include the Washington State Department of Agriculture-issued cottage food permit number on product labeling.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	95	0
Senate	48	1

Effective: June 11, 2020

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