

**2SHB 2049 - H AMD 981**

By Representative Barnard

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) By December 1, 2025, the department  
4 of commerce, in consultation with the department of ecology, must  
5 contract for an independent third-party assessment of the impacts on  
6 consumer good prices from the establishment of an extended producer  
7 responsibility program for packaging and paper products. The  
8 assessment must evaluate the price impacts of an extended producer  
9 responsibility program as structured in part one of Second Substitute  
10 House Bill No. 2049 of 2024, as recommended by the appropriations  
11 committee of the house of representatives. The assessment must  
12 estimate the impacts on consumer good prices in aggregate across  
13 covered products and, if feasible, by category of packaging or  
14 covered product, and must estimate cost impacts as a percentage of  
15 the average price of consumer goods, as an aggregated cost total, and  
16 as a percentage of the state's gross domestic product.

17 (2) The assessment must be submitted to the appropriate  
18 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2025."

19 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Strikes the underlying bill and directs the department of commerce to contract for an independent assessment of the impacts on consumer good prices from the establishment of an extended producer responsibility program, in the form as it passed the house of representatives appropriations committee in 2024. Requires the assessment to be submitted to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2025.

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