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**SENATE BILL 5150**

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**By** Senator Shewmake

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1 AN ACT Relating to the beef commission's levied assessment; and  
2 amending RCW 16.67.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.67.120 and 2002 c 313 s 83 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby levied an assessment of (~~one dollar per~~)  
7 \$2.50 head on all Washington cattle sold in this state or elsewhere  
8 to be paid by the seller at the time of sale: PROVIDED, That if such  
9 sale is accompanied by a brand inspection by the department such an  
10 assessment may be collected at the same time, place and in the same  
11 manner as brand inspection fees. Such fees may be collected by the  
12 livestock (~~services—division~~) identification program of the  
13 department and transmitted to the commission: PROVIDED FURTHER, That,  
14 if such sale is made without a brand inspection by the department the  
15 assessment shall be paid by the seller and transmitted directly to  
16 the commission by the (~~fifteenth~~) 15th day of the month following  
17 the month the transaction occurred. \$1.50 of the \$2.50 assessment  
18 levied under this subsection may not be collected at the first point  
19 of sale of any calf identified with a green tag as identified in RCW  
20 16.57.160.

1           (2) The procedures for collecting all state and federal  
2 assessments under this chapter shall be as required by the federal  
3 order and as described by rules adopted by the commission.

4           (3) The commission shall submit a report by January 1st of each  
5 year, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, to the appropriate committees  
6 of the legislature having oversight over agriculture. The report must  
7 provide an accounting of the funds collected under this section for  
8 the previous year, including a record of the amount collected, the  
9 amount spent, and the purposes for which the funds were used.

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