

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5981

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Changing seed dealer license fees.

**Sponsors:** Senators Schoesler, Hatfield and Honeyford.

**Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development**  
**House Committee on General Government Appropriations & Oversight**

**Background:** The Department of Agriculture administers the Washington State Seed Act (Seed Act). The Seed Act conducts a range of activities including seed quality testing, seed certification, and issuance of sanitary certificates required for the export of seeds. The Seed Act also follows the guidance of regulations of the federal Seed Act pertaining to seed labeling, methods of sampling, and tolerances.

The Seed Act is funded by fees charged to the industry. The fees charged include a combination of inspection and licensing fees. Inspection fees are set by rule, and license fees are set by statute. The current dealers license fee is \$25 for each location. Inspection fees and license fees are placed into a separate account in the agricultural local fund.

**Summary:** The seed dealers license fee is increased to \$125.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	40	7
House	89	7

**Effective:** June 7, 2012

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