

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6582

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Applying grades and standards only to apples packed in Washington state.

SPONSORS: Senators M. Rasmussen, Newhouse, Loveland and Moore

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Agriculture establishes, by rule, grades and standards for apples. The department has established standards such as Washington Extra Fancy, which have become known to buyers on a national basis.

Apples grown and being packed in other states have begun to be labeled as "Washington Extra Fancy".

SUMMARY:

The grades and standards shall be applied to and used on those containers of apples packed within the state of Washington.

It is a violation of state law to sell apples in containers marked with Washington State grade designations unless the containers were packed in Washington.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	45	0
House	95	0

EFFECTIVE: June 9, 1994