

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1033

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Revising requirements for grain facilities under the Washington clean air act.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Schoesler, Honeyford, Sheahan, Grant and Chandler).

House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background: The state's Clean Air Act requires the Department of Ecology (DOE) or the board of an activated local air pollution control authority to require renewable permits for the operation of air contaminant sources. The operating permits apply to all sources where required by the federal Clean Air Act and, with certain limitations, to any source that may cause or contribute to air pollution in such a quantity as to create a threat to the public health or welfare. In addition, the DOE or such a board may classify air contaminant sources that may cause or contribute to air pollution and require registration and reporting for these classes of sources. The DOE or such a board may also require registrations to be accompanied by a registration fee and may determine the amount of the fee. The fees may be set only to compensate for certain specified costs of administering the registration program.

Summary: Once a registration or report has been filed under the air pollution source registration program for a grain warehouse or grain elevator, a registration, report, or fee may not be again required for the warehouse or elevator after January 1, 1997. This prohibition does not apply if the capacity of the warehouse or elevator listed as part of its grain warehouse or elevator license is increased. If the licensed capacity is increased, any registration or reporting required under the program for the warehouse or elevator must be made by the date the warehouse or elevator receives grain from the first harvest season that occurs after the increase.

This exemption from re-registration, fees, and reporting does not apply to a facility that handles more than 10 million bushels of grain annually.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 98 0

Senate 46 0 (Senate amended)
House 89 0 (House concurred)

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