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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1528**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler, Clements and Linville; by request of Department of Agriculture)

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing fees for commodity commissions and  
2 the department of agriculture; amending RCW 15.86.070; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 43.23 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.86.070 and 1992 c 71 s 10 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The director may adopt rules establishing a certification  
8 program for producers, processors, and vendors of organic or transition  
9 to organic food. The rules may govern, but are not limited to  
10 governing: The number and scheduling of on-site visits, both announced  
11 and unannounced, by certification personnel; recordkeeping  
12 requirements; and the submission of product samples for chemical  
13 analysis. The rules shall include a fee schedule that will provide for  
14 the recovery of the full cost of the organic food program. Fees  
15 collected under this section shall be deposited in an account within  
16 the agricultural local fund and the revenue from such fees shall be  
17 used solely for carrying out the provisions of this section, and no  
18 appropriation is required for disbursement from the fund. The director

1 may employ such personnel as are necessary to carry out the provisions  
2 of this section.

3 (2) The fees established under this section may be increased in  
4 excess of the fiscal growth factor as provided in RCW 43.135.055 for  
5 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998.

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.23 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 The director may collect moneys to recover the reasonable costs of  
9 publishing and disseminating informational materials by the department.  
10 Materials may be disseminated in printed or electronic format. All  
11 moneys collected shall be deposited in the agricultural local fund or  
12 other appropriate fund administered by the director.

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