
HOUSE BILL 2055

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By Representatives Chandler and Linville

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1 AN ACT Relating to fees for the state's organic certification
2 program; and amending RCW 15.86.070.

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

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

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

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

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