

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1910

FULL VETO

Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Establishing logos for substances approved for use in the production, processing, and handling of organic food.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (Originally sponsored by Representatives G. Chandler and Anderson).

House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology
Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

Background:

The state's organic food laws authorize the director of the Department of Agriculture to establish by rule a certification program for producers, processors, and vendors of organic and transition to organic food. Among the rules adopted establishing such certification programs are those designating logos for that may be used by various certificate holders. These logos contain the seal of the state of Washington.

The organic food laws require the director to establish a list of approved substances that may be used in the production, processing, and handling of organic food. Materials manufactured for use in producing organic food may be registered with the department under rules adopted by the department.

Summary:

Unless otherwise provided for by rule, substances approved by the director of the Department of Agriculture and registered for use in organic food production may be identified by the use of a logo. Such a logo may include the seal of the state of Washington. This authority does not require rule-making.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 95 1
Senate 47 0