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SENATE BILL 6731

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By Senators Honeyford, Mulliken and Rasmussen

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1            AN ACT Relating to standards and grades for fruits and vegetables;  
2 and amending RCW 15.17.050.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.17.050 and 1998 c 154 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The director shall adopt rules providing standards for apples,  
7 apricots, Italian prunes, peaches, sweet cherries, pears, and  
8 potatoes(~~(, and asparagus)~~) and may adopt rules providing standards for  
9 any other fruit or vegetable. When establishing these standards, the  
10 director shall consider the factors of maturity, soundness, color,  
11 shape, size, and freedom from mechanical and plant pest injury and  
12 other factors important to marketing.

13            (2) The director shall adopt rules providing for mandatory  
14 inspection of apples, apricots, Italian prunes, peaches, sweet  
15 cherries, and pears(~~(, and asparagus)~~) and may adopt rules providing  
16 for mandatory inspection of any other fruit or vegetable.

17            (3) The director may adopt rules:

18            (a) Fixing the sizes and dimensions of containers to be used for  
19 the packing or handling of any fruits or vegetables; and

1           (b) Establishing combination grades for fruits and vegetables. The  
2 standards for combination grades shall, by percentage quantities,  
3 include two or more of the grades provided for under this chapter.

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