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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville, Schoesler, Campbell, McDonald, Delvin, Sullivan, Hunt, Moeller, McDermott, Kenney and Morrell; by request of Department of Agriculture)

Brief Description: Promoting Washington-grown apples.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that the apple commission exists primarily for the benefit of the people of the state of Washington and its economy. The legislature hereby charges the commission, with oversight by the director, to speak on behalf of the Washington state government with regard to apples and apple-related issues.

Revises the membership of the commission.

Requires the commission to develop and submit to the director for approval any plans, programs, and projects concerning the following: (1) The establishment, issuance, effectuation, and administration of appropriate programs or projects within the commission's powers and duties;

(2) The establishment and effectuation of market research projects, market development projects, or both to the end that the marketing and utilization of apples may be encouraged, expanded, improved, or made more efficient; and

(3) The establishment and effectuation of, and/or support of industry organizations work regarding, market access project and programs, trade banner work and industry organization support.

Requires the director to review the commission's programs to ensure that they properly benefit the people of the state of Washington and its economy and properly speak the message of the state.

Requires the commission, prior to the beginning of its fiscal year, to prepare and submit to the director for approval its project and program plans and its budget on a fiscal period basis.