

2SSB 6468 - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Finance

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1 Beginning on page 1, line 6, strike all of sections 1 through 3 and  
2 insert the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that recent  
4 occurrences of colony collapse disorder and the resulting loss of bee  
5 hives will have an economic impact on the state's agricultural sector.  
6 The legislature intends to provide temporary business and occupation  
7 tax relief for Washington's apiarists.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) This chapter does not apply to amounts derived from the  
11 wholesale sale of honey bee products by an eligible apiarist who owns  
12 or keeps bee colonies and who does not qualify for an exemption under  
13 RCW 82.04.330 in respect to such sales.

14 (2) The exemption provided in subsection (1) of this section does  
15 not apply to any person selling such products at retail or to any  
16 person selling manufactured substances or articles.

17 (3) The definitions in this subsection apply to this section.

18 (a) "Bee colony" means a natural group of honey bees containing  
19 seven thousand or more workers and one or more queens, housed in a man-  
20 made hive with movable frames, and operated as a beekeeping unit.

21 (b) "Eligible apiarist" means a person who owns or keeps one or  
22 more bee colonies and who grows, raises, or produces honey bee products  
23 for sale at wholesale and is registered under RCW 15.60.021.

24 (c) "Honey bee products" means queen honey bees, packaged honey  
25 bees, honey, pollen, bees wax, propolis, or other substances obtained  
26 from honey bees. "Honey bee products" does not include manufactured  
27 substances or articles."

1       Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct internal  
2 references accordingly, and correct the title.

3       On page 4, line 8, after "in" strike "RCW 82.08.865" and insert  
4 "section 2 of this act"

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6 "section 2 of this act"

7       On page 4, line 22, after "in" strike "RCW 82.08.865" and insert  
8 "section 2 of this act"

9       On page 4, after line 26, insert the following:

10       "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 8.** This act expires July 1, 2013."

11       Correct the title.

EFFECT:       Adds intent section. Removes the sales and use tax  
exemptions for nonhighway fuel usage by honey beekeepers. Provides an  
expiration date for the bill of July 1, 2013.

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