

**SSB 6609 - H AMD 1561**  
By Representative Simpson

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The charge under this chapter for building permits for  
6 specialty agricultural structures constructed on a commercial  
7 agricultural operation may not exceed the sum total of seventy-five  
8 dollars plus the vehicle fuel costs for inspections of the  
9 structure. This subsection (1) applies only if: (a) The design for  
10 the structure has been approved by a state licensed and registered  
11 engineer, and certified to meet local conditions related to wind  
12 load, snow load, and other natural forces; and (b) the permit  
13 application is for a structure with two thousand five hundred  
14 square feet or less of floor area.

15 (2) Specialty agricultural structures are those that are  
16 designed and constructed to house farm equipment, hay, grain,  
17 poultry, livestock, or other horticultural products. Human  
18 habitation, public use, and employment where agricultural products  
19 are processed, treated, or packaged are not permitted uses of a  
20 specialty agricultural structure.

21 (3) For purposes of this section, "commercial agricultural  
22 operation" means an operation that generates an average of at least  
23 ten thousand dollars gross income per year from the sale of  
24 agricultural products.

25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.27.100 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 8 s 1 are each  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 Except as provided in section 1 of this act, nothing in this  
28 chapter shall prohibit a city, town, or county of the state from  
29 imposing fees different from those set forth in the state building  
30 code.

1           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**   (1)(a) A legislative task force on  
2 agricultural structure permits is established, with members as  
3 provided in this subsection.

4           (i) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from  
5 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

6           (ii) The speaker of the house shall appoint one member from  
7 each of the two largest caucuses of the house of representatives.

8           (iii) The governor shall appoint one member representing the  
9 state building code council.

10          (b) The task force shall choose its chair from among its  
11 legislative membership.

12          (c) The task force must have the following nonvoting ex officio  
13 members:

14           (i) One member representing cities;

15           (ii) One member representing counties; and

16           (iii) Three members representing statewide agricultural  
17 organizations.

18          (2) The task force shall review the following issues:

19           (a) Permit costs for specialty agricultural structures in  
20 Washington and adjoining states and provinces; and

21           (b) Alternative fee structures and building code requirements  
22 for agricultural structures.

23          (3) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the  
24 senate committee services and the house of representatives office  
25 of program research.

26          (4) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for  
27 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
28 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
29 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with  
30 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

31          (5) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the  
32 house of representatives and the senate. Task force expenditures  
33 are subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations  
34 committee and the house of representatives executive rules  
35 committee, or their successor committees.

36          (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations  
37 to the appropriate committees of the house of representatives and  
38 the senate by January 1, 2009.

39          (7) This section expires April 1, 2009."

Correct the title.

**EFFECT:** (1) Establishes a building permit charge limit for qualifying specialty agricultural structures of \$75 plus vehicle fuel costs for inspections.

(2) Specifies that the charge limit applies only if: the design for the structure has been approved by a state licensed and registered engineer, and certified to meet local conditions related to wind load, snow load, and other natural forces; and the permit application is for a structure with 2,500 square feet or less of floor area.

(3) Establishes a legislative task force on agricultural structure permits.

(4) Specifies membership, governance, and reporting requirements for the task force.

(5) Includes technical changes.