

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1549

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Exempting wholesale sales of bulk unprocessed milk from the business and occupation tax.

Sponsors: By Representatives Linville, Kristiansen, Ericksen, McCune and Dunn.

House Committee on Finance

Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background:

Washington's major business tax is the business and occupation (B&O) tax. The B&O tax is imposed on the gross receipts of business activities conducted within the state, without any deduction for the costs of doing business. Revenues are deposited in the State General Fund. A business may have more than one B&O tax rate, depending on the types of activities conducted. There are a number of different rates. The main rates are: 0.471 percent for retailing; 0.484 percent for manufacturing, wholesaling, and extracting; and 1.5 percent for professional and personal services, and activities not classified elsewhere.

Summary:

Wholesale sales of unprocessed milk are exempted from the state B&O tax.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	98	0
Senate	47	0

Effective: July 22, 2007