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**Agriculture & Natural Resources  
Committee**

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**SB 6284**

**Brief Description:** Modifying provisions relating to the dairy products commission.

**Sponsors:** Senators Schoesler and Rasmussen.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Makes changes regarding the composition of the Washington Dairy Products Commission.

**Hearing Date:** February 20, 2008

**Staff:** Colleen Kerr (786-7168).

**Background:**

The Washington Dairy Products Commission (WDPC/the Commission) was created by the Washington State Legislature in 1939 under RCW 15.44. The WDPC is directed by a board of ten commissioners comprised of seven dairy producers, one producer-dealer, one processor representative, and one representative of the Washington State Department of Agriculture. The Director of the State Department of Agriculture appoints commissioners and oversees WDPC budgetary expenditures.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Commission shall be composed of nine members, and removes the requirement that one commissioner is a producer-dealer. When only one candidate is nominated for a position, the Director has the discretion to appoint or reject the candidate. Vacancies will be filled by appointment by the Director from a list of candidates proposed by the Commission. When only one candidate is proposed, the Director may appoint or reject the candidate and request an additional candidates from the Commission.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.