

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6229

As of January 13, 2010

Title: An act relating to the dairy inspection program.

Brief Description: Extending to 2015 the assessment levied under RCW 15.36.551 to support the dairy inspection program.

Sponsors: Senators Schoesler and Ranker; by request of Department of Agriculture.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Agriculture & Rural Economic Development: 1/14/10.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff: Bob Lee (786-7404)

Background: To ship fluid milk and milk products across state lines, Washington Department of Agriculture administers a milk inspection program in accordance with standards established by the National Conference of Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS). A milk assessment fee is assessed to support the dairy inspection program, and to maintain compliance with the provisions of the NCIMS and the Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.

The current authority to collect the milk assessment expires on June 30, 2010.

Summary of Bill: The current authority to assess milk processed in the state is extended until June 30, 2015. The current maximum assessment level of fifty-four one-hundredths of one cent per hundred weight is retained.

The funds will continue to be deposited in the dairy inspection account within the agricultural local fund. The funds will continue to be used only to provide inspection services to the dairy industry.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: None.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.