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SENATE BILL 6229

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By Senators Schoesler and Ranker; by request of Department of Agriculture

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1 AN ACT Relating to the dairy inspection program; amending RCW  
2 15.36.551; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.36.551 and 2004 c 132 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 There is levied on all milk processed in this state an assessment  
7 not to exceed fifty-four one-hundredths of one cent per hundredweight.  
8 The director shall determine, by rule, an assessment, that with  
9 contribution from the general fund, will support an inspection program  
10 to maintain compliance with the provisions of the pasteurized milk  
11 ordinance of the national conference on interstate milk shipment. All  
12 assessments shall be levied on the operator of the first milk  
13 processing plant receiving the milk for processing. This shall include  
14 milk processing plants that produce their own milk for processing and  
15 milk processing plants that receive milk from other sources. Milk  
16 processing plants whose monthly assessment for receipt of milk totals  
17 less than twenty dollars in any given month are exempted from paying  
18 this assessment for that month. All moneys collected under this  
19 section shall be paid to the director by the twentieth day of the

1 succeeding month for the previous month's assessments. The director  
2 shall deposit the funds into the dairy inspection account hereby  
3 created within the agricultural local fund established in RCW  
4 43.23.230. The funds shall be used only to provide inspection services  
5 to the dairy industry. If the operator of a milk processing plant  
6 fails to remit any assessments, that sum shall be a lien on any  
7 property owned by him or her, and shall be reported by the director and  
8 collected in the manner and with the same priority over other creditors  
9 as prescribed for the collection of delinquent taxes under chapters  
10 84.60 and 84.64 RCW.

11 This section expires June 30, (~~2010~~) 2015.

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