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HOUSE BILL 2354

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By Representatives Buys and Blake; by request of Department of Agriculture

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

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.36.551 and 2010 c 17 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

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

1 this section shall be paid to the director by the twentieth day of the  
2 succeeding month for the previous month's assessments. The director  
3 shall deposit the funds into the dairy inspection account hereby  
4 created within the agricultural local fund established in RCW  
5 43.23.230. The funds shall be used only to provide inspection services  
6 to the dairy industry. If the operator of a milk processing plant  
7 fails to remit any assessments, that sum shall be a lien on any  
8 property owned by him or her, and shall be reported by the director and  
9 collected in the manner and with the same priority over other creditors  
10 as prescribed for the collection of delinquent taxes under chapters  
11 84.60 and 84.64 RCW.

12 (2) This section expires June 30, (~~(2015)~~) 2020.

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