

SHB 2128 - H AMD 519

By Representative Hudgins

1 Beginning on page 4, line 16, strike all of section 6 and insert
2 the following:

3 "**Sec. 6.** RCW 15.36.551 and 2015 1st sp.s. c 5 s 1 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (1) There is levied on all milk processed in this state an
6 assessment not to exceed fifty-four one-hundredths of one cent per
7 hundredweight. The director shall determine, by rule, an assessment,
8 that with contribution from the general fund, will support an
9 inspection program to maintain compliance with the provisions of the
10 pasteurized milk ordinance of the national conference on interstate
11 milk shipment.

12 (2) All assessments under this section shall be levied on the
13 operator of the first milk processing plant receiving the milk for
14 processing. This shall include milk processing plants that produce
15 their own milk for processing and milk processing plants that receive
16 milk from other sources. Milk processing plants whose monthly
17 assessment for receipt of milk totals less than twenty dollars in any
18 given month are exempted from paying this assessment for that month.

19 (3) All moneys collected under this section shall be paid to the
20 director by the twentieth day of the succeeding month for the
21 previous month's assessments. The director shall deposit the funds
22 into the dairy inspection account hereby created within the
23 agricultural local fund established in RCW 43.23.230. The funds shall
24 be used only to provide inspection services to the dairy industry.

25 (4) If the operator of a milk processing plant fails to remit any
26 assessments, that sum shall be a lien on any property owned by him or
27 her, and shall be reported by the director and collected in the
28 manner and with the same priority over other creditors as prescribed
29 for the collection of delinquent taxes under chapters 84.60 and 84.64
30 RCW.

31 (5) The department must increase the assessment on September 30,
32 2019, and every four years thereafter, by the amount of inflation in

1 the previous four-year period as measured by the percentage change in
2 the implicit price deflator published by the United States department
3 of commerce. The fee must be rounded to the nearest quarter of a
4 dollar.

5 (6) This section expires June 30, 2020."

EFFECT: Makes a technical correction to the underlying bill to reflect the passage of Senate Bill No. 5015, which amends the same statute.

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