

HB 1620 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

NOT CONSIDERED 4/15/2015

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 77.32.555 and 2009 c 577 s 1 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) In addition to the fees authorized in this chapter, the  
6 department shall include a surcharge to fund biotoxin testing and  
7 monitoring by the department of health of beaches used for  
8 recreational shellfishing, and to fund monitoring by the Olympic  
9 region harmful algal bloom program of the Olympic natural resources  
10 center at the University of Washington. A surcharge of (~~three~~) four  
11 dollars applies to resident and nonresident shellfish and seaweed  
12 licenses as authorized by RCW 77.32.520(3) (a) and (b); a surcharge  
13 of (~~two~~) three dollars applies to resident and nonresident adult  
14 combination licenses as authorized by RCW 77.32.470(2)(a); a  
15 surcharge of (~~two~~) three dollars applies to annual resident and  
16 nonresident razor clam licenses as authorized by RCW 77.32.520(4);  
17 and a surcharge of (~~one~~) two dollars applies to the three-day razor  
18 clam license authorized by RCW 77.32.520(5). Amounts collected from  
19 these surcharges must be deposited in the biotoxin account created in  
20 subsection (3) of this section. The department may not use any  
21 amounts collected from these surcharges to pay for its administrative  
22 costs.

23 (2) Any moneys from surcharges remaining in the general fund—  
24 local account after the 2007-2009 biennium must be transferred to the  
25 biotoxin account created in subsection (3) of this section and be  
26 credited to the appropriate institution. The department of health and  
27 the University of Washington shall, by December 1st of each year,  
28 provide a letter to the relevant legislative policy and fiscal  
29 committees on the status of expenditures. This letter shall include,  
30 but is not limited to, the annual appropriation amount, the amount  
31 not expended, account fund balance, and reasons for not spending the  
32 full annual appropriation.

1 (3) The biotoxin account is created in the state treasury to be  
2 administered by the department of health. All moneys received under  
3 subsection (1) of this section must be deposited in the account and  
4 used by the department of health and the University of Washington as  
5 required by subsection (1) of this section. Of the moneys deposited  
6 into the account, one hundred fifty thousand dollars per year must be  
7 made available to the University of Washington to implement  
8 subsection (1) of this section. Moneys in the account may be spent  
9 only after appropriation."

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10 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "monitoring;" strike the  
11 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 77.32.555."

EFFECT: The department of fish and wildlife may not use biotoxin testing and monitoring surcharge revenue to pay for administrative costs.

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