

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5015

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Extending the dairy inspection program assessment expiration date.

**Sponsors:** Senators Honeyford and Ericksen.

**Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development**  
**House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources**  
**House Committee on General Government & Information Technology**

**Background:** To ship fluid milk and milk products across state lines, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) 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 NCIMS and the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.

The current authority to collect the milk assessment expires on June 30, 2015.

**Summary:** The current authority to assess milk processed in the state is extended until June 30, 2020. The current maximum assessment level of \$0.0054 per hundredweight is retained.

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

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate 47 0

First Special Session

Senate 47 0

House 92 0

**Effective:** August 27, 2015

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