

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6278

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning the use of seed certification fees.

Sponsors: Senators Warnick, Schoesler and Chase.

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks
House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

Background: The Washington State Seed Act (Seed Act) serves to provide uniformity and consistency in the packaging of agricultural, vegetable, and flower seeds. The Washington State Department of Agriculture administers the Seed Act. The program conducts pre-harvest field inspections and laboratory testing of agricultural, vegetable, and flower seeds grown under the seed program.

The program tests seed samples submitted by seed growers and companies to determine compliance with purity and germination standards, and to certify seeds for domestic and international marketing. The program provides for labeling of seeds in commerce.

Summary: Fees collected for certifying seeds may be used for services involving breeder seed, foundation seed, registered seed, and certified seed.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	46	0
House	98	0

Effective: June 7, 2018

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