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SENATE BILL 5793

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By Senators Warnick and Chase

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to an assessment on cattle; and amending RCW
- 2 16.67.120.

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- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.67.120 and 2002 c 313 s 83 are each amended to read as follows:
- 6 (1) There is hereby levied an assessment of ((one)) two dollars 7 per head on all Washington cattle sold in this state or elsewhere to be paid by the seller at the time of sale: PROVIDED, That if such 8 sale is accompanied by a brand inspection by the department such 9 assessment may be collected at the same time, place and in the same 10 manner as brand inspection fees. Such fees may be collected by the 11 livestock services division of the department and transmitted to the 12 commission: PROVIDED FURTHER, That, if such sale is made without a 13 14 brand inspection by the department the assessment shall be paid by 15 seller and transmitted directly to the commission by the 16 fifteenth day of the month following the month the transaction One dollar of the two dollar assessment under this 17 occurred. subsection may not be collected at the first point of sale of any 18

calf identified with a green tag as defined in RCW 16.57.160.

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(2) The procedures for collecting all state and federal assessments under this chapter shall be as required by the federal order and as described by rules adopted by the commission.

(3) The commission shall submit a report by January 1st of each year to the appropriate committees of the legislature having oversight over agriculture. The report must provide an accounting of the funds collected under this section for the previous year, including a record of the amount collected, the amount spent, and the purposes for which the funds were used.

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