

SHB 1298 - H AMD 99

By Representative Schmick

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1 On page 17, after line 30, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** (1) The department of agriculture shall
3 prepare proposed legislation that privatizes the weights and measures
4 program currently operated by the department. The proposed
5 privatization legislation must be structured so as to ensure fairness
6 and accuracy for producers and consumers in the most cost-effective
7 manner possible.

8 (2) The tasks and responsibilities associated with the weights
9 and measures program that must be addressed in the proposed
10 privatization legislation include, but are not limited to:

11 (a) Certification and use of secondary weights and measures
12 standards;

13 (b) Certification of weighing or measuring instruments or
14 devices;

15 (c) Registration of measuring instruments and devices used for
16 commercial purposes;

17 (d) Collection of fees in connection with the registration of
18 measuring instruments and devices used for commercial purposes;

19 (e) Testing and inspection of weighing and measuring instruments
20 and devices; and

21 (f) Inspection and testing of packages or amounts of commodities.

22 (3) The draft legislation must specify that the department of
23 agriculture retains responsibility for:

24 (a) Adoption of rules;

25 (b) Issuance of civil penalties;

26 (c) Establishment of standards;

27 (d) Inspection of city sealers, service agents, and other private
28 entities that may carry out weights and measures tasks under the
29 proposed legislation;

30 (e) Investigations in response to complaints;

31 (f) Stop-use, stop-removal, and removal orders;

32 (g) Seizure of evidence;

33 (h) Execution of warrants;

1 (i) Grievance procedures; and
2 (j) Appeals.
3 (4) The department of agriculture shall submit the proposed
4 privatization legislation to the standing committees of the
5 legislature with jurisdiction over the department by October 15,
6 2019."

7 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires the department of agriculture (WSDA) to prepare proposed legislation that privatizes aspects of the WSDA's weights and measures program. Requires the WSDA to submit the proposed legislation to the standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over the WSDA by October 15, 2019.

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