

**ESSB 5150 - S AMD 472**

By Senator Shewmake

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

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 16.67.120 and 2002 c 313 s 83 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) There is hereby levied an assessment of (~~one dollar~~) up to  
6 \$2.50 per head to be implemented as prescribed in subsection (2) of  
7 this section on all Washington cattle sold in this state or elsewhere  
8 to be paid by the seller at the time of sale: PROVIDED, That if such  
9 sale is accompanied by a brand inspection by the department such an  
10 assessment may be collected at the same time, place and in the same  
11 manner as brand inspection fees. Such fees may be collected by the  
12 livestock (~~services—division~~) identification program of the  
13 department and transmitted to the commission: PROVIDED FURTHER, That,  
14 if such sale is made without a brand inspection by the department the  
15 assessment shall be paid by the seller and transmitted directly to  
16 the commission by the (~~fifteenth~~) 15th day of the month following  
17 the month the transaction occurred.

18 (2) (a) Beginning July 1, 2024, the assessment must be \$1.50 per  
19 head. \$0.50 of the \$1.50 assessment levied under this subsection may  
20 not be collected at the first point of sale of any calf identified  
21 with a green tag as identified in RCW 16.57.160.

22 (b) Beginning January 1, 2025, the assessment must be \$2.00 per  
23 head. \$1.00 of the \$2.00 assessment levied under this subsection may  
24 not be collected at the first point of sale of any calf identified  
25 with a green tag as identified in RCW 16.57.160.

26 (c) Beginning January 1, 2026, the assessment must be \$2.50 per  
27 head. \$1.50 of the \$2.50 assessment levied under this subsection may  
28 not be collected at the first point of sale of any calf identified  
29 with a green tag as identified in RCW 16.57.160.

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

1       (4) The commission shall submit a report by January 1st of each  
2 year, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, to the appropriate committees  
3 of the legislature having oversight over agriculture. The report must  
4 provide an accounting of the funds collected under this section for  
5 the previous year, including a record of the amount collected, the  
6 amount spent, and the purposes for which the funds were used.

7       (5) The commission shall hold meetings in different geographic  
8 regions of the state throughout the year, with at least two meetings  
9 held east of the crest of the Cascade mountains. Geographic regions  
10 must include the northeast, southeast, central southwest, and  
11 northwest regions of the state.

12       NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 16.67  
13 RCW to read as follows:

14       The commission may fund, conduct, or otherwise participate in  
15 scientific research related to beef including, without limitation, to  
16 improve production, quality, transportation, processing,  
17 distribution, and environmental stewardship.

18       NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 16.67  
19 RCW to read as follows:

20       (1) Of the assessments levied in RCW 16.67.120, a producer or  
21 owner of cattle from whom an assessment is collected has the right to  
22 request a refund of not more than \$.50 per head beginning July 1,  
23 2024, not more than \$1.00 per head beginning January 1, 2025, and not  
24 more than \$1.50 per head beginning January 1, 2026. Refund requests  
25 must be mailed to the commission within 90 calendar days of the  
26 assessment.

27       (2) The commission must process the requested refunds on a  
28 calendar quarterly basis. Any refund request that is received by the  
29 commission less than 15 days from the end of the calendar quarter  
30 must be paid at the end of the next quarter."

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1        On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "commission;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 16.67.120; and adding  
3 new sections to chapter 16.67 RCW."

EFFECT: Phases in the increases to the beef commission's levied assessment to \$2.50 beginning July 1, 2024, to January 1, 2026. Establishes that a producer or owner of cattle from whom an assessment is collected has the right to request a refund of phased-in increases in the beef commission's levied assessment. Requires the beef commission to process refunds on a quarterly basis.

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