

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SECOND ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5150

68th Legislature
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Yeas 49 Nays 0

President of the Senate

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**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5150** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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State of Washington **68th Legislature** **2023 Regular Session**

By Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senator Shewmake)

READ FIRST TIME 01/31/23.

1 AN ACT Relating to the beef commission; amending RCW 16.67.120
2 and 16.67.200; and adding new sections to chapter 16.67 RCW.

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
5 read as follows:

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

19 (2) (a) Beginning July 1, 2024, the assessment must be \$1.50 per
20 head. \$0.50 of the \$1.50 assessment levied under this subsection may

1 not be collected at the first point of sale of any calf identified
2 with a green tag as identified in RCW 16.57.160.

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

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

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

14 (4) The commission shall hold meetings in different geographic
15 regions of the state throughout the year, with at least two meetings
16 held east of the crest of the Cascade mountains. Geographic regions
17 must include the northeast, southeast, central southwest, and
18 northwest regions of the state.

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

21 The commission may fund, conduct, or otherwise participate in
22 scientific research related to beef including, without limitation, to
23 improve production, quality, transportation, processing,
24 distribution, and environmental stewardship.

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

27 (1) Of the assessments levied in RCW 16.67.120, a producer or
28 owner of cattle from whom an assessment is collected, except for
29 assessments collected at the first point of sale of green tag calves
30 not subject to the assessment increases provided in RCW 16.67.120(2),
31 has the right to request a refund of not more than \$1.00 per head
32 beginning July 1, 2024, not more than \$1.50 per head beginning
33 January 1, 2025, and not more than \$2.00 per head beginning January
34 1, 2026. Refund requests must be mailed to the commission within 90
35 calendar days of the assessment.

36 (2) The commission must process the requested refunds on a
37 calendar quarterly basis. Any refund request that is received by the

1 commission less than 15 days from the end of the calendar quarter
2 must be paid at the end of the next quarter.

3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 16.67.200 and 2017 c 256 s 5 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The budget required in RCW 16.67.090(8) must set forth the
6 complete and detailed financial program of the commission, showing
7 the revenues and expenditures of the commission. The budget must be
8 explanatory, describing how the funding is used to administer and
9 implement the commission's programs and priorities, and include the
10 reasons for salient changes from the previous fiscal period in
11 expenditure or revenue items. The budget must explain any major
12 changes to financial policy and contain an outline of the proposed
13 financial policies of the commission for the ensuing fiscal period
14 and describe performance indicators that demonstrate measurable
15 progress toward the commission's priorities.

16 (2) The budget must be sufficiently detailed to provide
17 transparency for the commission's actions on behalf of the industry.

18 (3) The commission must submit to the legislature, in compliance
19 with RCW 43.01.036, a concise yet detailed report of the commission's
20 activities and expenditures after the completion of each fiscal year.
21 The report must include an accounting of assessments collected
22 pursuant to RCW 16.67.120 for the previous fiscal year, including a
23 record of the amount collected, the amount spent, and the purposes
24 for which the funds were used.

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