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HOUSE BILL 1706

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By Representatives Koster, Chandler, Johnson, McMorris, Honeyford, Mastin, Boldt, Clements, Benton, McMahan, Smith, Kremen and Robertson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the dairy inspection program assessment;  
2 amending RCW 15.36.551; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.36.551 and 1994 c 34 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 There is levied on all milk processed in this state an assessment  
7 not to exceed fifty-four one-hundredths of one cent per hundredweight.  
8 The director shall determine, by rule, an assessment, that with  
9 contribution from the general fund, will support an inspection program  
10 to maintain compliance with the provisions of the pasteurized milk  
11 ordinance of the national conference on interstate milk shipment. All  
12 assessments shall be levied on the operator of the first milk plant  
13 receiving the milk for processing. This shall include milk plants that  
14 produce their own milk for processing and milk plants that receive milk  
15 from other sources. All moneys collected under this section shall be  
16 paid to the director by the twentieth day of the succeeding month for  
17 the previous month's assessments. The director shall deposit the funds  
18 into the dairy inspection account hereby created within the  
19 agricultural local fund established in RCW 43.23.230. The funds shall

1 be used only to provide inspection services to the dairy industry. If  
2 the operator of a milk plant fails to remit any assessments, that sum  
3 shall be a lien on any property owned by him or her, and shall be  
4 reported by the director and collected in the manner and with the same  
5 priority over other creditors as prescribed for the collection of  
6 delinquent taxes under chapters 84.60 and 84.64 RCW.

7 This section shall expire June 30, (~~1995~~) 2000.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
11 effect immediately.

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