

1098-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Chappell, Chandler, Mastin, Brumsickle, Boldt, Lisk, Schoesler, Robertson, Sehlin, Clements, Foreman, Pennington, Stevens, Delvin and Mielke)

Brief Description: Providing increased penalties for false writings or statements concerning farms or agricultural commodities.

HB 1098-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a producer to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she was damaged by false information.

Authorizes award of fees and costs to prevailing parties.

Requires the action to be commenced within three years of the disparagement.