
SENATE BILL 5005

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By Senators Jacobsen and Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to naturally raised beef cattle; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 15.04 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 15.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall administer a program to certify and market
7 beef cattle from Washington as either:

8 (a) Washington-certified natural beef cattle; or

9 (b) Washington-certified natural grass-fed beef cattle.

10 (2) To qualify as Washington-certified natural beef cattle, cattle
11 must be:

12 (a) Born and raised in Washington; and

13 (b) Raised and finished:

14 (i) In an environmentally prudent manner;

15 (ii) Pursuant to beef quality assurance standards;

16 (iii) Without subtherapeutic antibiotics, hormones, growth
17 promotants, or ionophores; and

18 (iv) Only on natural feed not containing drugs, chemicals, or
19 animal byproducts.

1 (3) To qualify as Washington-certified natural grass-fed beef
2 cattle, cattle must meet the requirements of subsection (2) of this
3 section and must also be raised and finished on grass.

4 (4) The department shall adopt rules specifying certification
5 standards, including recordkeeping and verification protocols that
6 require:

7 (a) Maintaining cattle birth and health records, including vaccine
8 lot numbers, vaccine manufacturers, and vaccination dates; and

9 (b) At least one inspection of the farm or ranch of origin.

10 (5) The department shall include promotion of beef from Washington-
11 certified natural beef cattle and Washington-certified natural grass-
12 fed beef cattle in its agricultural product marketing programs.

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