

**WAC 16-501-015 Calculation of a commodity board or commission's contribution.** The total financial contribution for each commodity board or commission shall be calculated using the following steps:

(1) Step 1 - Using a board or commission's assessment level, the base assessment portion of a commodity board or commission's share of the total financial contribution is established as follows:

**Contribution Categories**

Assessment Level	Base Assessment
> \$100,000	\$ 250.00
100,001 - 250,000	500.00
250,001 - 500,000	750.00
500,001 - 1,000,000	1,000.00
1,000,001 - 5,000,000	2,000.00
5,000,001 - 10,000,000	3,000.00
10,000,001 and above	4,000.00

A percentage is calculated for each board or commission by dividing the board or commission's base assessment by the total base assessment for all boards and commissions.

For example, assuming commission A's base assessment is \$4,000 divided by an assumed total base assessment of \$80,000 results in 5% (.05)

(2) Step 2 - The difference between the total financial contribution and the total base assessment is apportioned to each board or commission using the percentage calculated in subsection (1) subject to a \$7,500 cap on any one board or commission;

For example, assuming a total financial contribution of \$105,000 minus the assumed total base assessment of \$80,000 results in a difference of \$25,000. \$25,000 multiplied by commission A's .05 equals \$1,250. This is commission A's portion of the difference.

(3) Step 3 - If any commission reaches the \$7,500 cap in Step 2, the difference between the amount calculated for that board or commission in subsection (2) and \$7,500 would be recalculated among the remaining commissions or boards using a percentage of each commission's base assessment to the total base assessment less the base assessment of the commission that reached the cap.

For example, assume that commission A's percentage remains 5% but that the difference between the total financial contribution and the total base assessment is \$180,000. \$180,000 multiplied by .05 equals \$9,000. \$9,000 exceeds the \$7,500 cap for commission A by \$1,500. This \$1,500 would be apportioned between the other boards and commissions excluding commission A.

For example, assume that commission B's base assessment is \$3,000. The total base assessment excluding commission A is now \$76,000 (\$80,000 less commission A's \$4,000). Commission B's base assessment of \$3,000 divided by \$76,000 results in .04 rounded (4%). \$1,500 (the excess over the cap for commission A) multiplied by .04 equals \$60, which is commission B's share of the excess.

(4) Step 4 - A commodity commission or board's contribution is the sum of the base assessment from subsection (1) and the calculations in subsections (2) or (3) whichever is applicable.

For example, using the calculations in subsection (2), commission A's contribution is \$5,250 (\$4,000 base assessment plus \$1,250 apportioned share).

Using the calculations in subsection (3), commission A's contribution is \$11,500 (\$4,000 base assessment plus the \$7,500 cap).

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 15.65, 15.66, 15.24, 16.67, 15.44, 15.28, 15.26, 15.88, and 43.23 RCW. WSR 02-16-045, § 16-501-015, filed 8/1/02, effective 9/1/02.]