

dition to such other authority as may be provided by law.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. There is added to chapter 41.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any official of the state authorized to disburse funds in payment of salaries and wages of public officers or employees is authorized upon written request of the officer or employee to whom salaries or wages are to be paid, to pay the same to any bank designated by the officers or employees for credit to their accounts: PROVIDED, That designated banks are qualified state depositories: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That twenty-five or more officers or employees of an agency must authorize direct deposits to the same bank. A single warrant may be drawn in favor of such bank, for the total amount due the officers or employees involved, and written directions provided to such bank of the amount to be credited to the account of each officer or employee. The issuance and delivery by the disbursing officer of a warrant in accordance with the procedure set forth herein and proper indorsement thereof by the bank shall have the same legal effect as payment directly to the officer or employee.

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CHAPTER 60
[House Bill No. 549]
DAIRY PRODUCTS COMMISSION--
ASSESSMENTS ON MILK AND CREAM

AN ACT Relating to agriculture and marketing; levying assessments and establishing procedures for assessments upon milk and cream; amending section 15.44.080, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 44, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 15-.44.080; and amending section 15.44.130, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 and RCW 15.44.130.

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

Section 1. Section 15.44.080, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 44, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 15-.44.080 are each amended to read as follows:

There is hereby levied upon all milk and cream produced in this

state an assessment (~~((not-to-exceed))~~) of:

(1) One cent per pound butter fat of wholly or partially farm separated cream; and

(2) Four cents per hundredweight of all milk and the components thereof, other than wholly or partially farm separated cream.

~~((The amount to be assessed shall be determined by the commission within the limits prescribed by this section, and shall be determined according to the necessities required to effectuate the stated purposes of the commission subject to approval by a producer referendum as herein provided.))~~

Subject to approval by a producer referendum as provided in this section, the commission shall have the further power and duty to increase the amount of the assessment to be levied upon either milk or cream according to the necessities required to effectuate the stated purpose of the commission.

In determining such necessities, the commission shall consider one or more of the following:

(a) The necessities of--

(i) developing better and more efficient methods of marketing milk and related dairy products;

(ii) aiding dairy producers in preventing economic waste in the marketing of their commodities;

(iii) developing and engaging in research for developing better and more efficient production, marketing and utilization of agricultural products;

(iv) establishing orderly marketing of dairy products;

(v) providing for uniform grading and proper preparation of dairy products for market;

(vi) providing methods and means including but not limited to public relations and promotion, for the maintenance of present markets, for development of new or larger markets, both domestic and foreign, for dairy products produced within this state, and for the prevention, modification or elimination of trade barriers which obstruct

the free flow of such agricultural commodities to market;

(vii) restoring and maintaining adequate purchasing power for dairy producers of this state; and

(viii) protecting the interest of consumers by assuring a sufficient pure and wholesome supply of milk and cream of good quality;

(b) The extent and probable cost of required research and market promotion and advertising;

(c) The extent of public convenience, interest and necessity;
and

(d) The probable revenue from the assessment as a consequence of its being revised.

This section shall apply where milk or cream is marketed either in bulk or package. However, this section shall not apply to milk or cream used upon the farm or in the household where produced.

The increase in assessment or any part thereof to be charged producers on milk and cream provided for in this section shall not become effective until approved by fifty-one percent of the producers voting in a referendum conducted by the commission.

The referendum for approval of any increase in assessment or part thereof provided for in this section shall be by secret mail ballot furnished to all producers paying assessments to the commission. The commission shall furnish ballots to producers at least ten days in advance of the day it has set for concluding the referendum and counting the ballots. Any interested producer may be present at such time the commission counts said ballots.

Any proposed increase in assessments by the commission subsequent to a decrease in assessments as provided for in RCW 15.44.130(2) shall be subject to a referendum and approval by producers as herein provided.

Sec. 2. Section 15.44.130, chapter 11, Laws of 1965 and RCW 15.44.130 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) In order to adequately advertise and market Washington dairy products in the domestic, national and foreign markets, and to

make such advertising and marketing research and development as extensive as public interest and necessity require, and to put into force and effect the policy of this chapter 15.44 RCW, the commission shall provide for and conduct a comprehensive and extensive research, advertising and educational campaign, and keep such research, advertising and education as continuous as the production, sales, and market conditions reasonably require.

(2) The commission shall investigate and ascertain the needs of dairy products and producers, the conditions of the markets, and the extent to which public convenience and necessity require advertising and research to be conducted. If upon such investigation, it shall appear that the revenue from ~~((the maximum))~~ an assessment provided for in RCW 15.44.080 is more than adequate to accomplish the purposes and objects of this chapter, it shall file a request with the director of agriculture showing the necessities of the industry, the extent and probable cost of the required research and advertising, the extent of public convenience, interest and necessity, and the probable revenue from the assessment herein levied and imposed. If such probable revenue is more than the amount reasonably necessary to conduct the research and advertising that the public interest and convenience require to accomplish the objects and purposes hereof, the commission shall decrease the assessment to a sum that the commission shall determine adequate to effectuate the purposes hereof ~~((7-but-in no-case-shall-any-assessment-exceed-the-amount-provided-in-RCW-15.44-080))~~: PROVIDED, That no such change shall be made in rate of assessment until the commission shall have filed with the director a full report of such investigations and findings. Such change in assessment shall be effective thirty days after such report is filed.

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CHAPTER 61
[Engrossed House Bill No. 570]
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

AN ACT Relating to community health programs; adding a new section to