of fees shall be established subsequent to a hearing and all regulations concerning fees shall be adopted in accord with the
provisions of chapter 34.04 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act,
concerning the adoption of rules as enacted or hereafter amended.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. There is added to chapter 54, Laws of
1959 and to chapter 16.57 RCW a new section to read as follows:
The director may, in order to reduce the cost of brand
inspection to livestock owners, enter into agreements with any
qualified county, municipal, or other local law enforcement agency,
or qualified individuals for the purpose of performing brand
inspection in areas where department brand inspection may not readily
be available.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The following acts or parts of acts are
each repealed:
(1) Section 19, chapter 54, Laws of 1959 and RCW 16.57.190;
and
(2) Section 25, chapter 54, Laws of 1959 and RCW 16.57.250.

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CHAPTER 136
[House Bill No. 765]
COUNTIES--
BUDGET PROCESS, DATES

AN ACT Relating to counties; providing an alternative date for a
budget hearing, adding a new section to chapter 4, Laws of
1963 and to chapter 36.40 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 4, Laws of
1963 and to chapter 36.40 RCW a new section to read as follows:
Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
board of county commissioners may meet for the purpose of holding a
budget hearing, provided for in 36.40.070, on the first Monday in
December. The board of county commissioners may also set other dates
relating to the budget process, including but not limited to the
dates set in 36.40.110, 36.40.050, and 36.81.130 to conform to the
alternate date for the budget hearing.

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CHAPTER 137
[House Bill No. 860]
PROPERTY TAXES--
HOPS IN STORAGE OR TRANSIT

AN ACT Relating to property taxes; amending section 84.36.160,
chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and RCW 84.36.160; and prescribing an
effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
Section 1. Section 84.36.160, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and
RCW 84.36.160 are each amended to read as follows:
For the purposes of RCW 84.36.140, 84.36.150, 84.36.161 and
84.36.162:
The term "grains and flour" shall mean and include all raw
whole grains in their usual marketable state; and grain flour in the
hands of the first processor; but not any other grain product.
The term "fruit and fruit products" shall mean and include all
raw edible fruits, berries, and hops; and all processed
products of fruits, berries or hops, suitable and designed for
human consumption, while in the hands of the first processor.
The term "vegetables and vegetable products" shall mean and
include all raw edible vegetables, such as peas, beans, beets, and
other vegetables; and all processed products of vegetables, suitable
and designed for human consumption, while in the hands of the first
processor.
The term "fish and fish products" shall mean and include all
fish and fish products suitable and designed for human consumption,
excluding all others.
The term "processed" shall be construed to refer to canning,
barreling, bottling, preserving, refining, freezing, packing, milling
or any other method employed to keep any grain, fruit, vegetables or
fish in edible condition or to put them into more suitable or
convenient form for consumption, storing, shipping or marketing.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1971 act shall take effect July 1, 1971.