

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 The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed: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 36.40.010, 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 ~~((and))~~, berries and hops; and all processed products of fruits ~~((or))~~, 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.