

self-study procedures on a regular basis: PROVIDED, That districts may allow two or more elementary school buildings in the district to undertake jointly the self-study process. Each school may follow the accreditation process developed by the state board of education under RCW 28A.04.120((+4)) (6), although no school is required to file for actual accreditation, or the school may follow a self-study process developed locally. Whatever process is used must focus upon the quality and appropriateness of the school's educational program and the results of its operational efforts.

Any self-study process must include the participation of staff, parents, members of the community, and students, where appropriate to their age.

Emphasis throughout the process shall be placed upon:

- (1) Achieving educational excellence and equity;
- (2) Building stronger links with the community; and
- (3) Reaching consensus upon educational expectations through community involvement and corresponding school management.

The initial self-study process within each district shall begin by September 1, 1986, and should be completed for all schools within a district by the end of the 1990-91 school year.

The state board of education shall develop rules and regulations governing procedural criteria. Such rules and regulations should be flexible so as to accommodate local goals and circumstances. Rules and regulations may allow for waiver of the self-study for economic reasons and may also allow for waiver of the initial self-study if a district or its schools have participated successfully in an official accreditation process or in a similar assessment of educational programs within the last three years. The self-study process shall be conducted on a cyclical basis every seven years following the initial 1990-91 period.

The superintendent of public instruction shall provide training to assist districts in their self-studies.

Each district shall ((annually)) report every two years to the superintendent of public instruction on the scheduling and implementation of their self-study activities.

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CHAPTER 257

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 6178]

WINE COMMISSION—VINIFERA GRAPE GROWERS' ASSESSMENT—HANDLER DEFINED

AN ACT Relating to the vinifera grape growers' assessment; amending RCW 15.88.020 and 66.24.215; and adding new sections to chapter 15.88 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The commission shall cause a list to be prepared of all Washington growers from any information available from the department, growers' association, or wine producers. This list shall contain the names and addresses of all persons who grow vinifera grapes for sale or use by wine producers within this state and the amount (by tonnage) of vinifera grapes produced during the period designated by the commission. A qualified person may, at any time, have his or her name placed upon the list by delivering or mailing the information to the commission. This list shall be corrected and brought up to date in accordance with evidence and information available to the commission on or before December 31st of each year. For all purposes of giving notice and holding referendums, the list on hand, corrected up to the day next preceding the date for issuing notices or ballots as the case may be, is, for purposes of this chapter, deemed to be the list of all growers entitled to notice or to assent or dissent or to vote.

(2) The commission shall develop a reporting system to document that the vinifera grape growers in this state are reporting quantities of vinifera grapes grown and subject to the assessment as provided in section 2 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) Pursuant to approval by referendum in accordance with section 3 of this act, commencing on July 1, 1989, there shall be levied, and the commission shall collect, upon all vinifera grapes grown within this state an annual assessment of three dollars per ton of vinifera grapes harvested to be paid by the grower of the grapes.

(2) The commission shall recommend rules to the director prescribing the time, place, and method for payment and collection of this assessment. For such purpose, the commission may recommend that the director, by rule, require the wine producers or handlers within this state to collect the grower assessments from growers whose vinifera grapes they purchase or accept delivery and remit the assessments to the commission, and provide for collecting assessments from growers who ship directly out of state.

(3) After considering any recommendations made under subsection (2) of this section, the director shall adopt rules, in accordance with chapter 34.04 RCW, prescribing the time, place, and method for the payment and collection of the assessment levied under this section and approved under section 3 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) For purposes of determining grower participation in the commission and assessment under 2 of this act, the director shall conduct a referendum among all vinifera grape growers within the state. The requirements of assent or approval of the referendum will be held to be complied with if: (a) At least fifty-one percent by numbers of growers replying in the referendum vote affirmatively or at least fifty-one percent by acreage of those growers replying in the referendum vote affirmatively; and

(b) thirty percent of all vinifera grape growers and thirty percent by acreage have been represented in the referendum to determine assent or approval of participation and assessment. The referendum shall be conducted on or before September 15, 1988.

(2) If the director determines that the requisite assent has been given, the director shall direct the commission to put into force the assessment in section 2 of this act.

(3) If the director determines that the requisite assent has not been given, the director shall direct the commission not to levy the assessment provided in section 2 of this act. If the requisite assent has not been given, the commission shall not continue to specifically foster the interests of vinifera grape growers.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The commission shall deposit moneys collected under section 2 of this act in a separate account in the name of the commission in any bank that is a state depository. All expenditures and disbursements made from this account under this chapter may be made without the necessity of a specific legislative appropriation. None of the provisions of RCW 43.01.050 apply to this account or to the moneys received, collected, or expended as provided in sections 1 through 5 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A due and payable assessment levied in such specified amount as determined by the commission under section 2 of this act constitutes a personal debt of every person so assessed or who otherwise owes the assessment, and the assessment is due and payable to the commission when payment is called for by the commission. If a person fails to pay the commission the full amount of the assessment by the date due, the commission may add to the unpaid assessment an amount not exceeding ten percent of the assessment to defray the cost of enforcing its collection. If the person fails to pay any such due and payable assessment or other such sum, the commission may bring a civil action for collection against the person or persons in a court of competent jurisdiction. The action shall be tried and judgment rendered as in any other cause of action for a debt due and payable.

Sec. 6. Section 2, chapter 452, Laws of 1987 and RCW 15.88.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Commission" means the Washington wine commission.

(2) "Director" means the director of agriculture or the director's duly appointed representative.

(3) "Department" means the department of agriculture.

(4) "Person" includes any individual, firm, corporation, trust, association, partnership, society, or any other organization of individuals.

(5) "Grower" means a person who has at least five acres in production of vinifera grapes.

(6) "Growers' association" means a nonprofit association of Washington producers of vinifera grapes, whether or not incorporated, which the director finds to comprise the interested persons affected by appointment of members of the commission or, if the director finds that no such association exists, a group of growers of vinifera grapes within the state identified by the director as fairly representing growers of vinifera grapes within the state.

(7) "Vinifera grapes" means the agricultural product commonly known as VITIS VINIFERA and those hybrid of VITIS VINIFERA which have predominantly the character of VITIS VINIFERA.

(8) "Producer" means any person or other entity which grows within the state vinifera grapes or any person or other entity licensed under Title 66 RCW to produce within the state wine made predominantly from vinifera grapes.

(9) "Wine producer" means any person or other entity licensed under Title 66 RCW to produce within the state wine from vinifera grapes.

(10) "Eastern Washington" means that portion of the state lying east of the Cascade mountain range.

(11) "Western Washington" means that portion of the state lying west of the Cascade mountain range.

(12) "Wine" for the purposes of this section shall be as defined in RCW 66.04.010.

(13) "Wine institute" means a nonprofit association of Washington wine producers, whether or not incorporated, which the director finds to comprise interested persons affected by appointment of members of the commission or, if the director finds that no such association exists, a group composed of all such producers identified as actively engaged in the production of wine within the state.

(14) "Handler" means any Washington winery, or processor, juicer, grape broker, agent, or person buying or receiving vinifera grapes to be passed on or exported either as grapes, juice, or wine.

Sec. 7. Section 13, chapter 452, Laws of 1987 and RCW 66.24.215 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) To provide for permanent funding of the wine commission after July 1, 1989, agricultural commodity assessments shall be levied by the board on wine producers and growers as follows:

(a) Beginning on July 1, 1989, the assessment on wine producers shall be two cents per gallon on sales of packaged Washington wines.

(b) Beginning on July 1, 1989, the assessment on growers ~~((on sales))~~ of Washington vinifera wine grapes ~~((;))~~ shall be levied ~~((at a rate sufficient to raise an amount equal to the amount raised under subsection (1)(a) of~~

~~this section. The method of calculation and collection of the grower assessment shall be determined under legislation enacted during the 1988 session of the legislature)) as provided in section 2 of this act.~~

(c) After July 1, 1993, assessment rates under subsection (1)(a) of this section may be changed pursuant to a referendum conducted by the Washington wine commission and approved by a majority vote of wine producers. The weight of each producer's vote shall be equal to the percentage of that producer's share of Washington vinifera wine production in the prior year.

(d) After July 1, 1993, assessment amounts under subsection (1)(b) of this section may be changed pursuant to a referendum conducted by the Washington wine commission and approved by a majority vote of grape growers. The weight of each grower's vote shall be equal to the percentage of that grower's share of Washington vinifera grape sales in the prior year.

(2) Assessments collected under this section shall be disbursed quarterly to the Washington wine commission for use in carrying out the purposes of chapter 15.88 RCW.

(3) Prior to July 1, 1996, a referendum shall be conducted to determine whether to continue the Washington wine commission as representing both wine producers and grape growers. The voting shall not be weighted. The wine producers shall vote whether to continue the commission's coverage of wineries and wine production. The grape producers shall vote whether to continue the commission's coverage of issues pertaining to grape growing. If a majority of both wine and grape producers favor the continuation of the commission, the assessments shall continue as provided in subsection (2) (b) and (d) of this section. If only one group of producers favors the continuation, the assessments shall only be levied on the group which favored the continuation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Sections 1 through 5 of this act are added to chapter 15.88 RCW.

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CHAPTER 258

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6266]

AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICTS—SEWAGE SYSTEM AUTHORITY ENLARGED

AN ACT Relating to aquifer protection districts; and amending RCW 36.36.040.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington: