Proposed Testing Fee Increase
Update to WAC 16-228-1540(1)

Pesticide Licensing and Recertification Program
Webinar Update Series

Background
- Passing of pesticide exams required for many in Washington State.
- Exams are currently proctored by WSDA, paper based.
- Goal to move toward computer based testing.

What's holding us back?
- Computer-based testing will require a contract with a vendor outside of WSDA.
- Current WAC language limits fee to $25.
- Rule language needs to be updated to allow us to move forward.

Proposed Update

Current WAC
16-228-1540(1)

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### Proposed Update

**Proposed WAC language - To be determined**

16-228-1540(1)

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*Expected new cost will be between $55 and $65 per exam*

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### What benefits could come with the increase?

- Professional testing locations spread out across the state with wider availability.
- 24/7 online portal with electronic payment options.
- Easier tracking for employers signing up multiple testers.
- Immediate results.
- Topic breakdown to show what areas need improvement.
- Access to testing accommodations.
- Faster processing of licenses.
- Higher quality exams.

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### Timeline

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<td>2020</td>
<td>RCW language revised to allow for vendors to collect testing fees.</td>
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<td>August 2021</td>
<td>CR-101 filed.</td>
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<td>Spring 2022</td>
<td>Anticipated adoption of final rule.</td>
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<td>Request proposal from vendors, go through contract process,</td>
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<td>Winter 2022</td>
<td>May take 6 months to a year between choosing a vendor and</td>
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<td>implementing new computer-based testing process.</td>
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