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BARLEY RESEARCH LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1986

Date introduced: 12 February 1986
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister
for Primary Industry

DIGEST OF BILL

Purpose

To increase the maximum rate of the research levy to 75 cents per tonne.

Background

A levy is imposed on the delivery of barley to help finance research programs. Funds raised through the levy are paid into the Barley Research Trust Account and have been used for research into a number of areas such as genetic engineering, weed control and the uses of barley. The actual rate of levy is set by regulation, on the recommendation of the Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation, within the maximum specified in the Barley Research Levy Act 1980 (the Principal Act). The current operative rate of levy is 35 cents per tonne, which is approximately 0.24% of the gross value of production (GVP) of the barley industry.[1]

The Government matches the industry contribution to research from the barley levy on a dollar for dollar basis up to a maximum of 0.5% of the GVP of the industry. As the Principal Act currently stands the maximum rate of levy that may be charged is less than 0.5% of GVP. To enable the rate of levy to be increased by regulation up to 0.5% of GVP, the maximum rate of levy specified in the Principal Act is to be increased by this Bill.

Main Provisions

Clause 3 will amend section 6 of the Principal Act to increase the maximum levy that may be charged from 50 cents to 75 cents per tonne.

For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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Reference

1. House of Representatives, Hansard, Second Reading Speech, 12 February 1986, p.360.



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