

**House Study Bill 618 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON SWEENEY)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the assessment of moneys on sheep and wool  
2 production.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 182.14, subsection 1, Code 2011, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. If approved by a majority of voters at a referendum, an  
4 assessment shall be set by the board at not more than two cents  
5 for each pound of wool produced and sold by a producer and not  
6 more than ~~ten~~ fifty cents per head on sheep sold by a producer.

7 EXPLANATION

8 Current law provides for an assessment (a so-called  
9 checkoff) on the sale of sheep and wool to first purchasers.  
10 The assessment is ultimately expended by the Iowa sheep and  
11 wool promotion board for purposes of promoting the marketing  
12 of sheep and wool and to provide for related education and  
13 research programs. The board operates and the checkoff is  
14 imposed pursuant to a referendum approved by sheep and wool  
15 producers.

16 This bill increases the maximum amount of the checkoff rate  
17 on the sale of each head of sheep from 10 cents to 50 cents.