

## Science panel says GMO labeling would cost — but how much remains unknown

Labeling genetically engineered foods would come at a cost, but it's impossible to say how high it will be, says a report released Wednesday by the Washington Academy of Sciences.

"The numbers just aren't there, and the numbers that are there vary widely," said Eugene Nester, emeritus professor of microbiology at the University of Washington and co-chair of the panel that examined Initiative 522 at the request of several legislative committees.

The question of cost has been a contentious one in the campaign to determine whether Washington will become the first state to implement labeling of genetically engineered (GE) food.

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