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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5945**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Agriculture & Agricultural Trade & Development  
(originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, Deccio, Newhouse and  
A. Anderson)

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1       AN ACT Relating to the agricultural trade showcase; creating a new  
2 section; and making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**   The legislature finds that agriculture  
5 represents a vital component of the state of Washington's economy as  
6 the state's second largest industry in terms of value of production.

7       The legislature finds that the emerging global economy is becoming  
8 increasingly competitive, thus proactive marketing efforts of the  
9 state's key industries such as agriculture is important in terms of job  
10 retention and creation, as well as raising the level of income for the  
11 state's citizens.

12       The legislature also finds that the agricultural trade showcase has  
13 become the primary vehicle for promoting the state's fresh and  
14 processed fruits and vegetables, aquacultural and agriforestry  
15 products, agricultural technologies, and agricultural-related service  
16 providers, thus establishing a mechanism for marketing the state's  
17 agricultural goods and services to domestic and international  
18 consumers.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    The sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or  
2 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium  
3 ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the county of Yakima for  
4 the purposes of funding the activities of the agricultural trade  
5 showcase as follows:

6        (1) One hundred thousand dollars is provided for the enhancement of  
7 state-wide participation of small and medium-sized businesses in the  
8 agricultural trade showcase; and

9        (2) One hundred thousand dollars is provided to enhance the ability  
10 of the county to recruit qualified buyers from overseas markets,  
11 particularly emerging markets offering growing demand for high value  
12 agricultural goods and services.

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