
SENATE BILL 5945

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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, agricultural technologies, and
15 agricultural-related service providers, thus establishing a mechanism
16 for marketing the state's agricultural goods and services to domestic
17 and international 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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