HOUSE BILL 1410

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By Representatives Regala, Skinner, Clements, Tokuda, Benson, Conway, Veloria, Schoesler, Van Luven and Keiser

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

- 1 AN ACT Relating to community gardens; creating a new section; and
- 2 making appropriations.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:
- 5 (a) Community gardens increase the effectiveness of local
- 6 communities to take care of themselves, improve family interaction,
- 7 increase the amount of fresh produce that families consume, improve
- 8 people's ability to work in group situations, and reduce crime;
- 9 (b) Many community gardens are managed by volunteers; and
- 10 (c) The cooperative extension service of Washington State
- 11 University does not have the necessary resources to start, manage, and
- 12 maintain community gardens.
- 13 (2) It is the intent of the legislature to support the development
- 14 of community gardens through the services of the cooperative extension
- 15 of Washington State University.
- 16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** The sum of one hundred fifty thousand
- 17 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
- 18 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, from the general fund to

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- 1 Washington State University for: Competitive grants to nonprofit
- 2 organizations qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue
- 3 code to establish or maintain existing community gardens, and to
- 4 provide gardening education and organizational development
- 5 facilitation. This appropriation is subject to the following
- 6 conditions and limitations:
- 7 (1) Amounts distributed as grants must be matched on a dollar-for-
- 8 dollar basis with nonstate sources. The match may include cash or
- 9 other in-kind contributions; and
- 10 (2) Washington State University may retain not more than ten
- 11 percent of the amount allocated for grants for costs associated with
- 12 administering the grants.
- 13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** The sum of one hundred fifty thousand
- 14 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
- 15 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, from the general fund to
- 16 Washington State University for: Competitive grants to nonprofit
- 17 organizations qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue
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- 23 dollar basis with nonstate sources. The match may include cash or
- 24 other in-kind contributions; and
- 25 (2) Washington State University may retain not more than ten
- 26 percent of the amount allocated for grants for costs associated with
- 27 administering the grants.

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