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HOUSE BILL 1208

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By Representatives Morris, Reardon, Conway, Hatfield, O'Brien, Edwards and Linville

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to international marketing of agricultural
- 2 products; adding a new section to chapter 43.23 RCW; and making
- 3 appropriations.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.23 RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (1) The director of the department may enter into contracts with
- 8 members of the Pacific Northwest economic region, port districts, or
- 9 commodity commissions for the purpose of:
- 10 (a) Establishing foreign trade offices designed to promote the
- 11 export of Washington agricultural products; or
- 12 (b) Contracting with overseas contractors to promote the export of
- 13 Washington's agricultural products.
- 14 (2) The department shall report to the legislature the results of
- 15 the export promotion under this section and recommendations for
- 16 improvements.
- 17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
- 18 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for

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- 1 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, from the general fund to the
- 2 department of agriculture for the purposes of section 1 of this act.
- 3 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
- 4 conditions:
- 5 (1) The funds must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis with
- 6 funds from other members of the Pacific Northwest economic region; and
- 7 (2) No more than five percent of this appropriation may be used for
- 8 administrative costs of the department of agriculture.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
- 10 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
- 11 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, from the general fund to the
- 12 department of agriculture for the purposes of section 1 of this act.
- 13 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
- 14 conditions:
- 15 (1) The funds must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis with
- 16 funds from other members of the Pacific Northwest economic region; and
- 17 (2) No funds from this appropriation may be used for administrative
- 18 costs of the department of agriculture.

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