
HOUSE BILL 2657

State of Washington

57th Legislature

2002 Regular Session

By Representatives Hunt, Armstrong, Linville, Schoesler, O'Brien, Holmquist, Chase, Roach, Ogden, Clements, Cox, Mulliken, Barlean, Sehlin, Conway and Rockefeller

Read first time 01/23/2002. Referred to Committee on State Government.

1 AN ACT Relating to agricultural products purchased for state
2 institutions and state-supported facilities; adding a new section to
3 chapter 43.19 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that state-produced
6 agricultural products are of the highest quality, transported the least
7 distance, and are the freshest agricultural products available in
8 Washington state. The legislature further finds that providing
9 improved markets for the richly diversified agricultural commodities
10 produced in Washington is needed to stabilize and enhance the rural and
11 agricultural economies in Washington.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 The director of general administration, through the state
15 purchasing and material control director, must require that, if
16 available and competitively priced, Washington fruit, vegetables, and
17 agricultural products be purchased for use in state institutions and
18 state-supported facilities.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 immediately.

--- END ---