

5897-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Agriculture & International Trade
(originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, Shin, Parlette, Hale,
Hewitt and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Increasing the international trade of Washington
state agricultural products.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the export market for Washington's agricultural products has dropped significantly in recent years and that such a drop has negatively impacted the economy in Washington's agricultural regions.

Declares an intent to enhance Washington's international trade of agricultural products by increasing funding for the Washington state department of agriculture's international marketing program in an effort to promote marketing of Washington's products and to assist the agricultural industry in efforts to reduce trade barriers that stand in the way of trade in new and emerging markets.

Makes appropriations to carry out the purposes of the act.