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By Representatives P. Sullivan and Santos

State of Washington

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- AN ACT Relating to awards for the improvement of student
- 2 achievement; adding a new section to chapter 28A.655 RCW; and making an
- 3 appropriation.

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- 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 28A.655 6 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) It is the intent of the legislature, through the creation of the apple award, to honor and reward students in Washington's public elementary schools who have shown significant improvement in their school's results on the Washington assessment of student learning.
 - (2) The apple award program is created to honor and reward public elementary schools that have the greatest combined average increase in the percentage of students meeting the fourth grade reading, mathematics, and writing standards on the Washington assessment of student learning each school year. The program shall be administered by the state board of education.
- 17 (3) Each school that receives an apple award shall be provided with 18 a twenty-five thousand dollar grant to be used for capital construction 19 purposes that have been selected by students in the school and approved

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- 1 by the district's school directors. The funds may be used exclusively
- 2 for capital construction projects on school property or on other public
- 3 property in the community, city, or county in which the school is
- 4 located.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or
- 6 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal
- 7 year ending June 30, 2007, from the education construction account--
- 8 state to the office of the superintendent of public instruction for the
- 9 purposes of this act.

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