

ESB 5723 - S AMD 24  
By Senator Prentice

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that agricultural  
4 workers are challenged not only in finding full-time, year-round work,  
5 but also face difficulties in upgrading their agricultural skills. The  
6 legislature also finds that the agricultural industry's demand for  
7 skilled workers far outnumbers the current supply. In addition, the  
8 legislature finds that despite recent advances in the safety of  
9 agricultural production, additional training of agricultural workers  
10 should assist the agricultural sector in ongoing efforts to reduce  
11 occupational injuries.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 15.04 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
15 specific purpose, the department shall administer the community  
16 agricultural worker safety grant program, to be implemented by the  
17 501(c)(3) nonprofit opportunities industrialization center of  
18 Washington. As grant recipient, the center shall work with the  
19 agricultural industry to provide practical, hands-on training for the  
20 state's agricultural workers in tractor and farm machinery skills and  
21 safety, pesticide training, adult basic skills, civics, English as a  
22 second language, commercial drivers' licensing, and other related  
23 topics. The grant recipient may receive up to two hundred fifty  
24 thousand dollars per year.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires July 1, 2012."

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1       On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
3 15.04 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date."

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