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1 Beginning on page 1, after line 2 of the amendment, strike all
2 material through "RCW." on page 6, line 6, and insert the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The Washington food policy forum is
4 established for the purpose of identifying and developing food system
5 goals for the state and to develop recommendations to advance goals.

6 (2) Recommendations shall include benchmarks and criteria for
7 measuring progress in achieving each goal.

8 (3) Recommendations shall consider, but not be limited to, ways in
9 which the following may help achieve each of the five goals:

10 (a) Increased collaboration and communication between state
11 agencies;

12 (b) Increased collaboration and communication between local, state,
13 and federal agencies;

14 (c) A review of: (i) The future of farming study that was
15 coordinated by the department of agriculture with regard to the goals
16 established in this section; (ii) reports issued by the office of
17 farmland preservation with regard to the goals established in this
18 section; (iii) data and analysis of food insecurity across the state as
19 reported by the department of health behavioral risk factors
20 surveillance surveys; and (iv) other studies relevant to the goals of
21 this act;

22 (d) Improvements to state or federal laws or regulations relevant
23 to the food system and food security in the state;

24 (e) Improvements in state or federal program implementation
25 relevant to the food system and food security in the state;

26 (f) Identifying additional federal, state, local, and private
27 investments needed to accomplish the recommendations.

28 (4) In developing its recommendations, the forum:

29 (a) Shall coordinate with the office of farmland preservation to
30 avoid duplication of effort; and

1 (b) Shall solicit public input.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) All members of the Washington food
3 policy forum are voting members.

4 (2) The following agencies are the initial members of the
5 Washington food policy forum convened under section 3(1) of this act.
6 Other agencies may be invited to participate:

7 (a) The director of the department of agriculture or the director's
8 designee;

9 (b) The secretary of the department of health or the secretary's
10 designee;

11 (c) The secretary of the department of social and health services
12 or the secretary's designee; and

13 (d) The director of the state conservation commission or the
14 director's designee.

15 (3) Stakeholder members of the forum may be invited to participate
16 by the initiating agencies. Stakeholders should represent interests
17 relating to food production and distribution, markets and purchasing,
18 nutrition, children's health, and other issues deemed appropriate by
19 the initiating agencies.

20 (4) The public members of the forum shall serve without
21 compensation from state funds. Members of the forum may receive
22 reimbursement from the forum for travel expenses as provided in RCW
23 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 if funds for forum operations are available as
24 determined by the director of the office of financial management.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The governor shall convene an
26 organizational meeting of the food policy forum. At its first meeting,
27 the forum must, at a minimum: (a) Identify the goals for the forum;
28 (b) identify and establish work groups that will organize to address
29 the goals; and (c) establish a reporting schedule to accomplish the
30 purpose of this act.

31 (2) No state agency or state university may be compelled to incur
32 expenses in connection with the operation of the forum.

33 (3) The forum shall report on the initial work of the forum,
34 including any findings and recommendations by December 1, 2010.
35 Thereafter, the forum shall submit an annual report that includes
36 recommendations and progress on benchmarks by December 1st each year.

1 These reports shall be submitted to the office of the governor and to
2 the offices of the chief clerk of the house of representatives and the
3 secretary of the senate.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This chapter expires July 1, 2015.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute
6 a new chapter in Title 15 RCW."

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