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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a farm worker-grower advisory
2 committee; and adding a new section to chapter 43.23 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.23 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The director shall appoint a farm worker-grower advisory
7 committee composed of ten members: Four representing farm workers;
8 four representing growers; and two nonvoting ex officio members, one
9 representing the commissioner of the employment security department and
10 one representing the director. The member representing the director
11 shall be the chair of the committee.

12 (2) The committee shall aid the director in formulating policies
13 and discussing problems related to agricultural labor. The committee
14 shall provide comment on department rule making, policies, and other
15 initiatives related to agricultural labor. The committee shall also
16 conduct a continuing study of any aspect of agricultural labor the
17 committee determines to require its consideration. The committee shall
18 report its findings to the department or the employment security
19 department for action as deemed appropriate.

1 (3) The members of the committee shall be appointed for a term of
2 four years commencing July 1, 2010, and the terms of the members
3 representing the farm workers and growers shall be staggered so that
4 the director shall designate one member from each such group initially
5 appointed whose term shall expire June 30, 2011, one member from each
6 such group whose term shall expire June 30, 2012, and one member from
7 each such group whose term shall expire June 30, 2013.

8 (4) The members of the committee shall serve without compensation,
9 but shall be entitled to travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050
10 and 43.03.060.

11 (5) The committee may hire such experts, if any, as it shall
12 require to discharge its duties, and may use such personnel and
13 facilities of the department and the employment security department as
14 it shall need without charge.

15 (6) The expenses of the committee shall be paid by the department.

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