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By Senators Haugen, Brandland, Hatfield, Morton, and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to the protection of agricultural lands; and
2 amending RCW 36.70A.103.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.103 and 2002 c 68 s 15 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 State agencies shall comply with the local comprehensive plans and
7 development regulations and amendments thereto adopted pursuant to this
8 chapter except as otherwise provided in RCW 71.09.250 (1) through (3),
9 71.09.342, and 72.09.333. No state agency may acquire or provide funds
10 to other entities to acquire agricultural lands, designated by a county
11 under this chapter as agricultural lands of long-term commercial
12 significance, without prior written approval by the county legislative
13 authority. The county legislative authority may require the state
14 agency or other entity receiving funds from a state agency to acquire
15 property, to submit information including, but not limited to, the
16 property's legal description, the proposed use of the property to be
17 acquired, and an analysis of the impact on adjacent lands and the
18 continued viability of the region's agricultural industry.

1 The provisions of chapter 12, Laws of 2001 2nd sp. sess. do not
2 affect the state's authority to site any other essential public
3 facility under RCW 36.70A.200 in conformance with local comprehensive
4 plans and development regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 36.70A
5 RCW.

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