
**Agriculture & Natural Resources
Committee**

HB 1212

Brief Description: Authorizing the department of agriculture to accept and expend gifts.

Sponsors: Representatives Lytton, Smith, Blake and Warnick; by request of Department of Agriculture.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes the Washington State Department of Agriculture to accept, expend, and retain gifts, grants, bequests, or other contributions.

Hearing Date: 1/18/11

Staff: Jason Callahan (786-7117).

Background:

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) oversees, manages, regulates, and supports programs that relate to food safety and the agriculture industry. The scope of the WSDA includes animal services, commodity inspections, consumer services, pesticide management, plant services, food assistance programs, and the marketing of Washington agricultural products.

The WSDA is authorized to collect fees and assessments. It is not specifically authorized to accept gifts, bequests, or other voluntary contributions.

Summary of Bill:

The WSDA is authorized to accept, expend, and retain gifts, grants, bequests, or other contributions. Accepted contributions may be from public or private sources and must be used to carry out the purposes and programs of the WSDA.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.