
SENATE BILL 5263

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By Senator Warnick

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1 AN ACT Relating to procurement of seeds by state agencies; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 39.26 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 39.26
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) When purchasing seed, all agencies must require suppliers of
7 seed to ensure the identity and purity of the seed through
8 appropriate testing performed by the Washington state department of
9 agriculture or by any other agency authorized under the laws of any
10 state, territory, or possession that has standards and procedures
11 approved by the United States secretary of agriculture to ensure the
12 identity and purity of seed.

13 (2) All contracts for purchasing of seed by an agency must
14 include the agency's expectations for the germination or viability of
15 the seed as an essential element of the supplier's performance under
16 the terms of the contract.

17 (3) For the purposes of this section, tree seed and seed of woody
18 species are not included.

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