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**By** Representatives Reeves, Parshley, Pollet, and Ramel

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1 AN ACT Relating to developing a statewide food security strategy;  
2 creating new sections; and providing expiration dates.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature intends to provide for  
5 the development of a strategy for statewide food security in order to  
6 end hunger, reduce diet-related environmental health disparities, and  
7 increase agricultural sustainability and resilience.

8 (2) This section expires July 1, 2028.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of agriculture shall  
10 develop a strategy to enhance statewide food security in order to end  
11 hunger, reduce environmental health disparities, and increase  
12 agricultural sustainability and resilience. The department shall  
13 convene the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the  
14 department of health, the department of social and health services,  
15 the state conservation commission, the office of farmland  
16 preservation, the department of ecology, the University of  
17 Washington, Washington State University, members of the food policy  
18 forum, and nonprofit hunger relief organizations to develop the  
19 strategy. The department of agriculture must also consult with

1 nonprofit, research, public sector, and private sector experts on  
2 agricultural resilience and food access when developing the strategy.

3 (2) At a minimum, the strategy must address the following:

4 (a) Define statewide food security in terms of food access and  
5 affordability;

6 (b) Build statewide agricultural resilience by:

7 (i) Identifying barriers to farming and ways to encourage  
8 agricultural job creation and retention;

9 (ii) Identifying ways to support land access and maintenance;

10 (iii) Identifying ways to provide for adaptability in  
11 agricultural practices; and

12 (iv) Identifying ways to provide for adaptability in zoning and  
13 land use for agricultural production;

14 (c) Build long-term food security by:

15 (i) Encouraging urban agriculture;

16 (ii) Integrating nutrition and health;

17 (iii) Identifying ways to empower all consumers to make and have  
18 access to healthy food;

19 (iv) Support physical activity for all; and

20 (v) Enhance nutrition and food security research.

21 (3) The department of agriculture shall provide the statewide  
22 food security strategy, in conformance with RCW 43.01.036, to the  
23 appropriate committees of the legislature by July 1, 2027.

24 (4) This section expires July 1, 2028.

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