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I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6483** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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READ FIRST TIME 02/12/08.

1            AN ACT Relating to local food production; amending RCW 43.19.1906;  
2 reenacting and amending RCW 43.19.1905 and 28A.335.190; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 15.64 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.235  
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; adding a new section  
5 to chapter 43.70 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 43.19.706;  
6 and providing expiration dates.

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

8            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** FINDINGS AND INTENT.    (1) The legislature  
9 recognizes that the benefits of local food production include  
10 stewardship of working agricultural lands; direct and indirect jobs in  
11 agricultural production, food processing, tourism, and support  
12 industries; energy conservation and greenhouse gas reductions; and  
13 increased food security through access to locally grown foods.

14            (2) The legislature finds there is a direct correlation between  
15 adequate nutrition and a child's development and school performance.  
16 Children who are hungry or malnourished are at risk of lower  
17 achievement in school.

18            (3) The legislature further finds that adequate nutrition is also  
19 necessary for the physical health of adults, and that some communities

1 have limited access to healthy fruits and vegetables and quality meat  
2 and dairy products, a lack of which may lead to high rates of diet-  
3 related diseases.

4 (4) The legislature believes that expanding market opportunities  
5 for Washington farmers will preserve and strengthen local food  
6 production and increase the already significant contribution that  
7 agriculture makes to the state and local economies.

8 (5) The legislature finds that the state's existing procurement  
9 requirements and practices may inhibit the purchase of locally produced  
10 food.

11 (6) The legislature intends that the local farms-healthy kids act  
12 strengthen the connections between the state's agricultural industry  
13 and the state's food procurement procedures in order to expand local  
14 agricultural markets, improve the nutrition of children and other at-  
15 risk consumers, and have a positive impact on the environment.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 15.64 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

18 FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM. (1) A farm-to-school program is created  
19 within the department to facilitate increased procurement of Washington  
20 grown food by schools.

21 (2) The department, in consultation with the department of health,  
22 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department  
23 of general administration, and Washington State University, shall, in  
24 order of priority:

25 (a) Identify and develop policies and procedures to implement and  
26 evaluate the farm-to-school program, including coordinating with school  
27 procurement officials, buying cooperatives, and other appropriate  
28 organizations to develop uniform procurement procedures and materials,  
29 and practical recommendations to facilitate the purchase of Washington  
30 grown food by the common schools. These policies, procedures, and  
31 recommendations shall be made available to school districts to adopt at  
32 their discretion;

33 (b) Assist food producers, distributors, and food brokers to market  
34 Washington grown food to schools by informing them of food procurement  
35 opportunities, bid procedures, school purchasing criteria, and other  
36 requirements;

1 (c) Assist schools in connecting with local producers by informing  
2 them of the sources and availability of Washington grown food as well  
3 as the nutritional, environmental, and economic benefits of purchasing  
4 Washington grown food;

5 (d) Identify and recommend mechanisms that will increase the  
6 predictability of sales for producers and the adequacy of supply for  
7 purchasers;

8 (e) Identify and make available existing curricula, programs and  
9 publications that educate students on the nutritional, environmental,  
10 and economic benefits of preparing and consuming locally grown food;

11 (f) Support efforts to advance other farm-to-school connections  
12 such as school gardens or farms and farm visits; and

13 (g) As resources allow, seek additional funds to leverage state  
14 expenditures.

15 (3) The department in cooperation with the office of the  
16 superintendent of public instruction shall collect data on the  
17 activities conducted pursuant to this act and communicate such data  
18 biennially to the appropriate committees of the legislature beginning  
19 November 15, 2009. Data collected may include the numbers of schools  
20 and farms participating and any increases in the procurement of  
21 Washington grown food by the common schools.

22 (4) As used in this section, RCW 43.19.1905, 43.19.1906,  
23 28A.335.190, and section 3 of this act, "Washington grown" means grown  
24 and packed or processed in Washington.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.235  
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 WASHINGTON GROWN FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GRANTS. (1) The  
28 Washington grown fresh fruit and vegetable grant program is created in  
29 the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The purpose of  
30 the program is to facilitate consumption of Washington grown nutritious  
31 snacks in order to improve student health and expand the market for  
32 locally grown fresh produce.

33 (2) For purposes of this section, "fresh fruit and vegetables"  
34 includes perishable produce that is unprocessed, minimally processed,  
35 frozen, dried, or otherwise prepared, stored, and handled to maintain  
36 its fresh nature while providing convenience to the user. Producing

1 minimally processed food involves cleaning, washing, cutting, or  
2 portioning.

3 (3) The program shall increase the number of school children with  
4 access to Washington grown fresh fruits and vegetables and shall be  
5 modeled after the United States department of agriculture fresh fruit  
6 and vegetable program, as described in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1769(g). Schools  
7 receiving funds under the federal program are not eligible for grants  
8 under the Washington grown fresh fruit and vegetable grant program.

9 (4)(a) To the extent that state funds are appropriated specifically  
10 for this purpose, the office of the superintendent of public  
11 instruction shall solicit applications, conduct a competitive process,  
12 and make one or two-year grants to a mix of urban and rural schools to  
13 enable eligible schools to provide free Washington grown fresh fruits  
14 and vegetables throughout the school day.

15 (b) When evaluating applications and selecting grantees, the  
16 superintendent of public instruction shall consider and prioritize the  
17 following factors:

18 (i) The applicant's plan for ensuring the use of Washington grown  
19 fruits and vegetables within the program;

20 (ii) The applicant's plan for incorporating nutrition, agricultural  
21 stewardship education, and environmental education into the snack  
22 program;

23 (iii) The applicant's plan for establishing partnerships with  
24 state, local, and private entities to further the program's objectives,  
25 such as helping the school acquire, handle, store, and distribute  
26 Washington grown fresh fruits and vegetables.

27 (5)(a) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
28 give funding priority to applicant schools with any of grades  
29 kindergarten through eight that: Participate in the national school  
30 lunch program and have fifty percent or more of their students eligible  
31 for free or reduced price meals under the federal national school lunch  
32 act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1751 et seq.

33 (b) If any funds remain after all eligible priority applicant  
34 schools have been awarded grants, the office of the superintendent of  
35 public instruction may award grants to applicant schools having less  
36 than fifty percent of the students eligible for free or reduced price  
37 meals.

1 (6) The office of the superintendent of public instruction may  
2 adopt rules to carry out the grant program.

3 (7) With assistance from the Washington department of agriculture,  
4 the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall develop  
5 and track specific, quantifiable outcome measures of the grant program  
6 such as the number of students served by the program, the dollar value  
7 of purchases of Washington grown fruits and vegetables resulting from  
8 the program, and development of state, local, and private partnerships  
9 that extend beyond the cafeteria.

10 (8) As used in this section, "Washington grown" has the definition  
11 in section 2 of this act.

12 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.19.1905 and 2002 c 299 s 5 and 2002 c 285 s 1 are  
13 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

14 (1) The director of general administration shall establish overall  
15 state policy for compliance by all state agencies, including  
16 educational institutions, regarding the following purchasing and  
17 material control functions:

18 ~~((+1))~~ (a) Development of a state commodity coding system,  
19 including common stock numbers for items maintained in stores for  
20 reissue;

21 ~~((+2))~~ (b) Determination where consolidations, closures, or  
22 additions of stores operated by state agencies and educational  
23 institutions should be initiated;

24 ~~((+3))~~ (c) Institution of standard criteria for determination of  
25 when and where an item in the state supply system should be stocked;

26 ~~((+4))~~ (d) Establishment of stock levels to be maintained in state  
27 stores, and formulation of standards for replenishment of stock;

28 ~~((+5))~~ (e) Formulation of an overall distribution and  
29 redistribution system for stock items which establishes sources of  
30 supply support for all agencies, including interagency supply support;

31 ~~((+6))~~ (f) Determination of what function data processing  
32 equipment, including remote terminals, shall perform in statewide  
33 purchasing and material control for improvement of service and  
34 promotion of economy;

35 ~~((+7))~~ (g) Standardization of records and forms used statewide for  
36 supply system activities involving purchasing, receiving, inspecting,  
37 storing, requisitioning, and issuing functions, including a standard

1 notification form for state agencies to report cost-effective direct  
2 purchases, which shall at least identify the price of the goods as  
3 available through the division of purchasing, the price of the goods as  
4 available from the alternative source, the total savings, and the  
5 signature of the notifying agency's director or the director's  
6 designee;

7 ~~((+8))~~ (h) Screening of supplies, material, and equipment excess  
8 to the requirements of one agency for overall state need before sale as  
9 surplus;

10 ~~((+9))~~ (i) Establishment of warehouse operation and storage  
11 standards to achieve uniform, effective, and economical stores  
12 operations;

13 ~~((+10))~~ (j) Establishment of time limit standards for the issuing  
14 of material in store and for processing requisitions requiring  
15 purchase;

16 ~~((+11))~~ (k) Formulation of criteria for determining when  
17 centralized rather than decentralized purchasing shall be used to  
18 obtain maximum benefit of volume buying of identical or similar items,  
19 including procurement from federal supply sources;

20 ~~((+12))~~ (l) Development of criteria for use of leased, rather than  
21 state owned, warehouse space based on relative cost and accessibility;

22 ~~((+13))~~ (m) Institution of standard criteria for purchase and  
23 placement of state furnished materials, carpeting, furniture, fixtures,  
24 and nonfixed equipment, in newly constructed or renovated state  
25 buildings;

26 ~~((+14))~~ (n) Determination of how transportation costs incurred by  
27 the state for materials, supplies, services, and equipment can be  
28 reduced by improved freight and traffic coordination and control;

29 ~~((+15))~~ (o) Establishment of a formal certification program for  
30 state employees who are authorized to perform purchasing functions as  
31 agents for the state under the provisions of chapter 43.19 RCW;

32 ~~((+16))~~ (p) Development of performance measures for the reduction  
33 of total overall expense for material, supplies, equipment, and  
34 services used each biennium by the state;

35 ~~((+17))~~ (q) Establishment of a standard system for all state  
36 organizations to record and report dollar savings and cost avoidance  
37 which are attributable to the establishment and implementation of  
38 improved purchasing and material control procedures;

1        ~~((18))~~ (r) Development of procedures for mutual and voluntary  
2 cooperation between state agencies, including educational institutions,  
3 and political subdivisions for exchange of purchasing and material  
4 control services;

5        ~~((19))~~ (s) Resolution of all other purchasing and material  
6 matters which require the establishment of overall statewide policy for  
7 effective and economical supply management;

8        ~~((20))~~ (t) Development of guidelines and criteria for the  
9 purchase of vehicles, high gas mileage vehicles, alternate vehicle  
10 fuels and systems, equipment, and materials that reduce overall energy-  
11 related costs and energy use by the state, including investigations  
12 into all opportunities to aggregate the purchasing of clean  
13 technologies by state and local governments, and including the  
14 requirement that new passenger vehicles purchased by the state meet the  
15 minimum standards for passenger automobile fuel economy established by  
16 the United States secretary of transportation pursuant to the energy  
17 policy and conservation act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 2002);

18        ~~((21))~~ (u) Development of goals for state use of recycled or  
19 environmentally preferable products through specifications for products  
20 and services, processes for requests for proposals and requests for  
21 qualifications, contractor selection, and contract negotiations;

22        (v) Development of food procurement procedures and materials that  
23 encourage and facilitate the purchase of Washington grown food by state  
24 agencies and institutions to the maximum extent practicable and  
25 consistent with international trade agreement commitments; and

26        (w) Development of policies requiring all food contracts to include  
27 a plan to maximize to the extent practicable and consistent with  
28 international trade agreement commitments the availability of  
29 Washington grown food purchased through the contract.

30        (2) As used in this section, "Washington grown" has the definition  
31 in section 2 of this act.

32        **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.19.1906 and 2006 c 363 s 1 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34        Insofar as practicable, all purchases and sales shall be based on  
35 competitive bids, and a formal sealed, electronic, or web-based bid  
36 procedure, subject to RCW 43.19.1911, shall be used as standard  
37 procedure for all purchases and contracts for purchases and sales

1 executed by the state purchasing and material control director and  
2 under the powers granted by RCW 43.19.190 through 43.19.1939. This  
3 requirement also applies to purchases and contracts for purchases and  
4 sales executed by agencies, including educational institutions, under  
5 delegated authority granted in accordance with provisions of RCW  
6 43.19.190 or under RCW 28B.10.029. However, formal sealed, electronic,  
7 or web-based competitive bidding is not necessary for:

8 (1) Emergency purchases made pursuant to RCW 43.19.200 if the  
9 sealed bidding procedure would prevent or hinder the emergency from  
10 being met appropriately;

11 (2) Purchases not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars, or  
12 subsequent limits as calculated by the office of financial management:  
13 PROVIDED, That the state director of general administration shall  
14 establish procedures to assure that purchases made by or on behalf of  
15 the various state agencies shall not be made so as to avoid the thirty-  
16 five thousand dollar bid limitation, or subsequent bid limitations as  
17 calculated by the office of financial management: PROVIDED FURTHER,  
18 That the state purchasing and material control director is authorized  
19 to reduce the formal sealed bid limits of thirty-five thousand dollars,  
20 or subsequent limits as calculated by the office of financial  
21 management, to a lower dollar amount for purchases by individual state  
22 agencies if considered necessary to maintain full disclosure of  
23 competitive procurement or otherwise to achieve overall state  
24 efficiency and economy in purchasing and material control. Quotations  
25 from three thousand dollars to thirty-five thousand dollars, or  
26 subsequent limits as calculated by the office of financial management,  
27 shall be secured from at least three vendors to assure establishment of  
28 a competitive price and may be obtained by telephone or written  
29 quotations, or both. The agency shall invite at least one quotation  
30 each from a certified minority and a certified women-owned vendor who  
31 shall otherwise qualify to perform such work. Immediately after the  
32 award is made, the bid quotations obtained shall be recorded and open  
33 to public inspection and shall be available by telephone inquiry. A  
34 record of competition for all such purchases from three thousand  
35 dollars to thirty-five thousand dollars, or subsequent limits as  
36 calculated by the office of financial management, shall be documented  
37 for audit purposes. Purchases up to three thousand dollars may be made

1 without competitive bids based on buyer experience and knowledge of the  
2 market in achieving maximum quality at minimum cost;

3 (3) Purchases which are clearly and legitimately limited to a  
4 single source of supply and purchases involving special facilities,  
5 services, or market conditions, in which instances the purchase price  
6 may be best established by direct negotiation;

7 (4) Purchases of insurance and bonds by the risk management  
8 division under RCW 43.41.310;

9 (5) Purchases and contracts for vocational rehabilitation clients  
10 of the department of social and health services: PROVIDED, That this  
11 exemption is effective only when the state purchasing and material  
12 control director, after consultation with the director of the division  
13 of vocational rehabilitation and appropriate department of social and  
14 health services procurement personnel, declares that such purchases may  
15 be best executed through direct negotiation with one or more suppliers  
16 in order to expeditiously meet the special needs of the state's  
17 vocational rehabilitation clients;

18 (6) Purchases by universities for hospital operation or biomedical  
19 teaching or research purposes and by the state purchasing and material  
20 control director, as the agent for state hospitals as defined in RCW  
21 72.23.010, and for health care programs provided in state correctional  
22 institutions as defined in RCW 72.65.010(3) and veterans' institutions  
23 as defined in RCW 72.36.010 and 72.36.070, made by participating in  
24 contracts for materials, supplies, and equipment entered into by  
25 nonprofit cooperative hospital group purchasing organizations;

26 (7) Purchases for resale by institutions of higher education to  
27 other than public agencies when such purchases are for the express  
28 purpose of supporting instructional programs and may best be executed  
29 through direct negotiation with one or more suppliers in order to meet  
30 the special needs of the institution;

31 (8) Purchases by institutions of higher education not exceeding  
32 thirty-five thousand dollars: PROVIDED, That for purchases between  
33 three thousand dollars and thirty-five thousand dollars quotations  
34 shall be secured from at least three vendors to assure establishment of  
35 a competitive price and may be obtained by telephone or written  
36 quotations, or both. For purchases between three thousand dollars and  
37 thirty-five thousand dollars, each institution of higher education  
38 shall invite at least one quotation each from a certified minority and

1 a certified women-owned vendor who shall otherwise qualify to perform  
2 such work. A record of competition for all such purchases made from  
3 three thousand to thirty-five thousand dollars shall be documented for  
4 audit purposes; (~~and~~)

5 (9) Off-contract purchases of Washington grown food when such food  
6 is not available from Washington sources through an existing contract.  
7 However, Washington grown food purchased under this subsection must be  
8 of an equivalent or better quality than similar food available through  
9 the contract and be able to be paid from the agency's existing budget.  
10 This requirement also applies to purchases and contracts for purchases  
11 executed by state agencies, including institutions of higher education,  
12 under delegated authority granted in accordance with RCW 43.19.190 or  
13 under RCW 28B.10.029; and

14 (10) Negotiation of a contract by the department of transportation,  
15 valid until June 30, 2001, with registered tow truck operators to  
16 provide roving service patrols in one or more Washington state patrol  
17 tow zones whereby those registered tow truck operators wishing to  
18 participate would cooperatively, with the department of transportation,  
19 develop a demonstration project upon terms and conditions negotiated by  
20 the parties.

21 Beginning on July 1, 1995, and on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each succeeding odd-  
22 numbered year, the dollar limits specified in this section shall be  
23 adjusted as follows: The office of financial management shall  
24 calculate such limits by adjusting the previous biennium's limits by  
25 the appropriate federal inflationary index reflecting the rate of  
26 inflation for the previous biennium. Such amounts shall be rounded to  
27 the nearest one hundred dollars. However, the three thousand dollar  
28 figure in subsections (2) and (8) of this section may not be adjusted  
29 to exceed five thousand dollars.

30 As used in this section, "Washington grown" has the definition in  
31 section 2 of this act.

32 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28A.335.190 and 2005 c 346 s 2 and 2005 c 286 s 1 are  
33 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

34 (1) When, in the opinion of the board of directors of any school  
35 district, the cost of any furniture, supplies, equipment, building,  
36 improvements, or repairs, or other work or purchases, except books,  
37 will equal or exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars, complete plans

1 and specifications for such work or purchases shall be prepared and  
2 notice by publication given in at least one newspaper of general  
3 circulation within the district, once each week for two consecutive  
4 weeks, of the intention to receive bids and that specifications and  
5 other information may be examined at the office of the board or any  
6 other officially designated location: PROVIDED, That the board without  
7 giving such notice may make improvements or repairs to the property of  
8 the district through the shop and repair department of such district  
9 when the total of such improvements or repair does not exceed the sum  
10 of forty thousand dollars. The cost of any public work, improvement or  
11 repair for the purposes of this section shall be the aggregate of all  
12 amounts to be paid for labor, material, and equipment on one continuous  
13 or interrelated project where work is to be performed simultaneously or  
14 in close sequence. The bids shall be in writing and shall be opened  
15 and read in public on the date and in the place named in the notice and  
16 after being opened shall be filed for public inspection.

17 (2) Every purchase of furniture, equipment or supplies, except  
18 books, the cost of which is estimated to be in excess of forty thousand  
19 dollars, shall be on a competitive basis. The board of directors shall  
20 establish a procedure for securing telephone and/or written quotations  
21 for such purchases. Whenever the estimated cost is from forty thousand  
22 dollars up to seventy-five thousand dollars, the procedure shall  
23 require quotations from at least three different sources to be obtained  
24 in writing or by telephone, and recorded for public perusal. Whenever  
25 the estimated cost is in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars, the  
26 public bidding process provided in subsection (1) of this section shall  
27 be followed.

28 (3) Any school district may purchase goods produced or provided in  
29 whole or in part from class II inmate work programs operated by the  
30 department of corrections pursuant to RCW 72.09.100, including but not  
31 limited to furniture, equipment, or supplies. School districts are  
32 encouraged to set as a target to contract, beginning after June 30,  
33 2006, to purchase up to one percent of the total goods required by the  
34 school districts each year, goods produced or provided in whole or in  
35 part from class II inmate work programs operated by the department of  
36 corrections.

37 (4) Every building, improvement, repair or other public works  
38 project, the cost of which is estimated to be in excess of forty

1 thousand dollars, shall be on a competitive bid process. Whenever the  
2 estimated cost of a public works project is one hundred thousand  
3 dollars or more, the public bidding process provided in subsection (1)  
4 of this section shall be followed unless the contract is let using the  
5 small works roster process in RCW 39.04.155 or under any other  
6 procedure authorized for school districts. One or more school  
7 districts may authorize an educational service district to establish  
8 and operate a small works roster for the school district under the  
9 provisions of RCW 39.04.155.

10 (5) The contract for the work or purchase shall be awarded to the  
11 lowest responsible bidder as defined in RCW 43.19.1911 but the board  
12 may by resolution reject any and all bids and make further calls for  
13 bids in the same manner as the original call. On any work or purchase  
14 the board shall provide bidding information to any qualified bidder or  
15 the bidder's agent, requesting it in person.

16 (6) In the event of any emergency when the public interest or  
17 property of the district would suffer material injury or damage by  
18 delay, upon resolution of the board declaring the existence of such an  
19 emergency and reciting the facts constituting the same, the board may  
20 waive the requirements of this section with reference to any purchase  
21 or contract: PROVIDED, That an "emergency", for the purposes of this  
22 section, means a condition likely to result in immediate physical  
23 injury to persons or to property of the school district in the absence  
24 of prompt remedial action.

25 (7) This section does not apply to the direct purchase of school  
26 buses by school districts and educational services in accordance with  
27 RCW 28A.160.195.

28 (8) This section does not apply to the purchase of Washington grown  
29 food.

30 (9) At the discretion of the board, a school district may develop  
31 and implement policies and procedures to facilitate and maximize to the  
32 extent practicable, purchases of Washington grown food including, but  
33 not limited to, policies that permit a percentage price preference for  
34 the purpose of procuring Washington grown food.

35 (10) As used in this section, "Washington grown" has the definition  
36 in section 2 of this act.

37 (11) As used in this section, "price percentage preference" means  
38 the percent by which a responsive bid from a responsible bidder whose

1 product is a Washington grown food may exceed the lowest responsive bid  
2 submitted by a responsible bidder whose product is not a Washington  
3 grown food.

4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 28A.320  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) School districts may operate school gardens or farms, as  
7 appropriate, for the purpose of growing fruits and vegetables to be  
8 used for educational purposes and, where appropriate, to be offered to  
9 students through the district nutrition services meal and snack  
10 programs. All such foods used in the district's meal and snack  
11 programs shall meet appropriate safety standards.

12 (2) If a school operates a school garden or farm, students  
13 representing various student organizations, including but not limited  
14 to vocational programs such as the FFA and 4-H, shall be given the  
15 opportunity to be involved in the operation of a school garden or farm.

16 (3) When school gardens or farms are used to educate students about  
17 agricultural practices, students shall be afforded the opportunity to  
18 learn about both organic and conventional growing methods.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW  
20 to read as follows:

21 (1) The department shall adopt rules authorizing retail operation  
22 farms stores, owned and operated by a farmer and colocated with a site  
23 of agricultural production, to participate in the women, infant, and  
24 children farmers market nutrition program to provide locally grown,  
25 nutritious, unprepared fruits and vegetables to eligible program  
26 participants.

27 (2) Such rules must meet the provisions of 7 C.F.R. part 3016,  
28 uniform administrative requirements for grants and cooperative  
29 agreements to state and local governments, as it existed on the  
30 effective date of this section, or such subsequent date as may be  
31 provided by the department by rule, consistent with the purposes of  
32 this section.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. FARMERS MARKET TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT PILOT  
34 PROGRAM. (1) If funds are provided for this specific purpose, the  
35 Washington state farmers market technology improvement pilot program is

1 created in the department of social and health services to assist  
2 farmers markets develop the capability to accept wireless electronic  
3 payment cards, including electronic benefits transfers. The purpose of  
4 this program is to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables and  
5 quality meat and dairy for all Washington residents and to increase the  
6 number of food stamp recipients using food stamp benefits through  
7 electronic benefits transfer at farmers markets.

8 (2) The department shall work with farmers markets and appropriate  
9 associations to ensure that the program serves a balance of rural and  
10 urban farmers markets.

11 (3) The department shall submit data on the electronic benefits  
12 transfer activities conducted pursuant to this section to the  
13 appropriate committees of the legislature each biennium beginning on  
14 November 15, 2009. Data collected may include information illustrating  
15 the demand for the technology and numbers of people using the  
16 technology for electronic benefits transfer.

17 (4) This section expires July 1, 2010.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** FARMERS TO FOOD BANKS PILOT PROGRAM. (1)

19 If funds are provided for this specific purpose, the farmers to food  
20 banks pilot program is created. In implementing this program, the  
21 department of community, trade, and economic development shall conduct  
22 a request for proposals to select pilot site communities statewide.  
23 Any nonprofit entity qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal  
24 revenue code that is in the business of delivering social services may  
25 submit a proposal. No more than five pilot communities shall be  
26 selected based on the following:

27 (a) One pilot shall be designated in an urban area that has been  
28 negatively impacted by a mass transit infrastructure program, is  
29 ethnically diverse, and is located in a city with over five hundred  
30 thousand residents;

31 (b) At least one pilot must be located east of the crest of the  
32 Cascades; and

33 (c) At least one pilot must be in a rural county as defined in RCW  
34 43.160.020.

35 (2) Funds shall be used in pilot communities for the food bank  
36 system to contract with local farmers to provide fruits, vegetables,

1 dairy, and meat products for distribution to low-income people at local  
2 designated food banks.

3 (3) The department shall collect data on the activities conducted  
4 pursuant to this section and communicate biennially to the appropriate  
5 committees of the legislature beginning November 15, 2009. Data  
6 collected may include information illustrating the demand and numbers  
7 of people served.

8 (4) This section expires July 1, 2010.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** RCW 43.19.706 (Purchase of Washington  
10 agricultural products--Report to the legislature) and 2002 c 166 s 2  
11 are each repealed.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** This act may be known and cited as the  
13 local farms-healthy kids act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** Captions used in this act are not any part  
15 of the law.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** If any part of this act is found to be in  
17 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to  
18 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of  
19 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with  
20 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not  
21 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to  
22 the agencies concerned. Rules adopted under this act must meet federal  
23 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal  
24 funds by the state.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
26 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
27 provided by June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act  
28 is null and void.

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