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1 AN ACT Relating to the agricultural labor skills and safety grant
2 program; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; creating a new
3 section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that Washington
6 is one of the most productive growing regions in the country and
7 Washington's agriculture is an integral part of this state's economic
8 health. The legislature also recognizes the agricultural industry's
9 need for skilled workers and the workers' needs in upgrading their
10 agricultural skills and marketability. The legislature recognizes that
11 providing skills and safety training for agricultural workers helps
12 ensure their success and safety and helps to ensure the continued
13 success of Washington's agricultural industry.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
17 specific purpose, the department shall create and administer the

1 agricultural labor skills and safety grant program that will provide
2 training opportunities for agricultural workers.

3 (2) The department shall select one recipient that has a community-
4 based organization with the ability to carry out the objectives set
5 forth in subsection (3) of this section.

6 (3) The grant recipient shall provide training to agricultural
7 workers in workforce skills and safety training by:

8 (a) Designing and implementing an agricultural skills development
9 program;

10 (b) Developing a plan to increase the number of skilled
11 agricultural workers through a recruitment process;

12 (c) Providing agricultural health and safety training to its
13 participants;

14 (d) Conducting project evaluations on agricultural trainings and
15 service delivery strategies for agricultural workers and employers;

16 (e) Partnering with an agricultural association that has focused
17 exclusively on agricultural labor and employment issues and services
18 for at least ten years, and that has experience in providing training
19 to agricultural employees in developing and providing the training
20 curriculum; and

21 (f) Delivering training through a service delivery system that is
22 sensitive to the unique needs of agricultural employers and to the
23 barriers agricultural workers face to employment.

24 (4) The grant recipient may receive up to seven hundred fifty
25 thousand dollars per year.

26 (5) This section expires July 1, 2016.

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