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SENATE BILL 5056

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By Senators Rasmussen, Schoesler, Shin, Berkey, Hatfield, Jacobsen, Haugen, Kline and Sheldon; by request of Department of Agriculture

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1 AN ACT Relating to the small farm direct marketing assistance  
2 program; and amending RCW 15.64.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.64.050 and 2001 2nd sp.s. c 3 s 2 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The small farm direct marketing assistance program is created.

7 (2) The director shall employ a small farm direct marketing  
8 assistant.

9 (3) The small farm direct marketing assistance program shall assist  
10 small farms in their direct marketing efforts. In carrying out this  
11 duty the program shall:

12 (a) Assist small farms in complying with federal, state, and local  
13 rules and regulations as they apply to direct marketing of agricultural  
14 products;

15 (b) Assist in developing infrastructure to increase direct  
16 marketing opportunities for small farms;

17 (c) Provide information on direct marketing opportunities for small  
18 farms;

19 (d) Promote localized food production systems;

1           (e) Increase access to information for farmers wishing to sell farm  
2 products directly to consumers;

3           (f) Identify and help reduce market barriers facing small farms in  
4 direct marketing;

5           (g) Assist in developing and submitting proposals to grant programs  
6 to assist small farm direct marketing efforts; and

7           (h) Perform other functions that will assist small farms in  
8 directly marketing their products.

9           (~~(4) This section expires July 1, 2007.~~)

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