

HB 1731 - DIGEST

Requires the Washington food policy forum to develop recommendations to advance the following food system goals:
(1) Increase the availability of Washington-grown foods throughout the state;

(2) Expand and promote programs that bring healthy and nutritious Washington-grown foods to Washington residents;

(3) Examine ways to encourage retention of an adequate number of farmers for small and mid-scale farms, meet the educational needs for the next generation of farmers, and provide for the continued economic viability of food production, processing, and distribution;

(4) Reduce food insecurity and hunger; and

(5) Identify ways to improve coordination and communication among city, county, regional, and state food policy entities and communication between those entities and state agencies.

Provides a July 1, 2021, expiration date for the food policy forum.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.