HOUSE BILL 1311

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By Representatives Grant, Hailey, McCoy, McDonald, Newhouse, Chase, Dickerson, Haler, Kenney, Springer and Morrell; by request of Department of Agriculture

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

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- 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 to read as follows:
 - (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 farms;
- (d) Promote localized food production systems;

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

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

 (g) Assist in developing and submitting proposals to grant programs
 - (g) Assist in developing and submitting proposals to grant programs to assist small farm direct marketing efforts; and
 - (h) Perform other functions that will assist small farms in directly marketing their products.

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

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