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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2212**

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**State of Washington**

**60th Legislature**

**2007 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake, B. Sullivan and Newhouse)

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1       AN ACT Relating to addressing the application of the growth  
2 management act to certain agricultural activities occurring on  
3 agricultural lands; and creating a new section.

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

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the goal of  
6 preserving Washington's agricultural lands is shared by citizens  
7 throughout the state. The legislature recognizes that efforts to  
8 achieve a balance between the productive use of these resource lands  
9 and associated regulatory requirements have proven difficult, but that  
10 good faith efforts to seek solutions have yielded successes. The  
11 legislature believes that this willingness to find and pursue common  
12 ground will enable Washingtonians to enjoy the benefits of a successful  
13 agricultural economy and a healthy environment, while also preventing  
14 the unnecessary conversion of valuable agricultural lands. The  
15 legislature, therefore, intends this act to be an expression of  
16 progress in resolving, harmonizing, and advancing commonly held  
17 preservation goals.

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