

SB 5002 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that preserving  
4 genetic diversity of animal species is of high interest to the public.  
5 The development of livestock and poultry species commenced centuries  
6 ago through domestication and breeding of what had been wild animal  
7 species. Through the ages, many species of food animals have been  
8 transported from one region or continent to another and distinct and  
9 recognizable breeds of these species have developed. The legislature  
10 finds that the historic livestock and poultry breeds retain different  
11 and unique genetic attributes including factors that can affect  
12 fertility, foraging ability, longevity, maternal instincts, and  
13 resistance to diseases and parasites.

14 As some specialized breeds have become favored in modern food  
15 production systems, competitive market forces have caused others to  
16 diminish or become extinct. When a breed is lost, the unique genetic  
17 attributes are not retrievable. The legislature finds that sufficient  
18 mechanisms currently do not exist to support the continued survival of  
19 some of the declining breeds.

20 The purpose of this act is to establish a nonregulatory incentive-  
21 based program to encourage owners of rare and diminishing species of  
22 livestock and poultry to continue rearing these animals. It is the  
23 intent of the legislature to establish procedures to provide  
24 recognition to owners of animals as heritage livestock and poultry and  
25 thereby increase public awareness of their contribution toward the  
26 perpetuation of rare and declining breeds.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington heritage livestock and  
28 poultry breed recognition program is hereby created in the department  
29 of archaeology and historic preservation.

1           (2) The director shall establish a heritage livestock and poultry  
2 breed recognition program. To apply for recognition, an animal owner  
3 may submit an application form to the department that includes the  
4 breed of the livestock or poultry, photos of the animals, a brief  
5 history of the livestock or poultry breed including the breed's origin,  
6 and its interesting and unique characteristics. The department may use  
7 as a general guide for the recognition program, the species of  
8 livestock and poultry that are designated as "critical," "threatened,"  
9 or "watch" on the conservation priority list established by the  
10 American livestock breeds conservancy. Persons owning livestock or  
11 poultry of breeds not included on these lists may submit supplemental  
12 information regarding the breed's status as a rare or diminishing breed  
13 for consideration by the department for possible designation as a  
14 heritage livestock or poultry breed.

15           (3) The department shall (a) periodically issue recognition awards  
16 to the owners of the animals designated under subsection (2) of this  
17 section and (b) maintain a web site that includes pictures and a short  
18 description of animals on the heritage livestock and poultry breed  
19 registry.

20           (4) This section expires July 1, 2011.

21           NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
22 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
23 June 30, 2009, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
24 void."

25           Correct the title.

EFFECT: Makes a technical correction to include poultry where it  
was omitted in the bill and adds a null and void clause.

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