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**SENATE BILL 5743**

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**State of Washington**                      **54th Legislature**                      **1995 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Rasmussen, Hochstatter and Loveland

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1            AN ACT Relating to an integrated curriculum of agriculture and  
2 history or language arts; creating new sections; and making an  
3 appropriation.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the state of  
6 Washington has a rich agricultural history and that agriculture  
7 continues to be one of the most basic and important industries of the  
8 state. The legislature finds that student awareness and understanding  
9 of the influence of agriculture in shaping the state should be  
10 strengthened.

11           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** (1) To the extent funds are appropriated,  
12 the superintendent of public instruction shall establish a pilot  
13 program and grant funds to selected school districts to develop and  
14 implement an educational program integrating vocational agriculture and  
15 academic instruction in the areas of history or language arts.  
16 Districts receiving grants shall agree to share information about the

1 program developed with other districts and with the center for the  
2 improvement of student learning.

3 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules as  
4 necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out this section.

5 (3) The school districts receiving grants under this section shall  
6 develop the integrated curriculum in cooperation with the  
7 superintendent of public instruction, state and local agricultural  
8 organizations that work with youth, and organizations interested in  
9 Washington state history.

10 (4) The integrated curriculum may include, but not be limited to:

11 (a) Agricultural trends: Past, present, and future;

12 (b) International agricultural trade issues;

13 (c) Agricultural practices and techniques for managing water and  
14 other natural resources; and

15 (d) Safety standards and practices for the handling of agricultural  
16 equipment and materials.

17 (5) The center for the improvement of student learning shall  
18 distribute information about the integrated curriculum and make the  
19 curriculum available to interested school districts.

20 (6) This section shall expire June 30, 1995.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty-nine thousand five hundred  
22 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
23 the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the  
24 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this act.

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