
HOUSE BILL 1580

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By Representatives Regala, Cooke, Conway, Schoesler, Grant, Tokuda, Skinner, Benson, Chopp, Voloria, Van Luven, Blalock, Hatfield, Wood, O'Brien, Ogden and Constantine

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1 AN ACT Relating to community gardens; creating a new section; and
2 making appropriations.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) Community gardens increase the effectiveness of local
6 communities to take care of themselves, improve family interaction,
7 increase the amount of fresh produce that families consume, improve
8 people's ability to work in group situations, and reduce crime.

9 (2) Many community gardens are managed by volunteers.

10 (3) Cooperative extension service of Washington State University
11 does not have the necessary resources to start, manage, and maintain
12 community gardens.

13 It is the intent of the legislature to support the development of
14 community gardens through the cooperative extension services of
15 Washington State University.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand
17 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
18 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, from the general fund to

1 Washington State University for grants to local community-based groups
2 to establish or maintain existing community gardens. The appropriation
3 in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

4 (1) The state funds must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis
5 with nonstate sources. The match may include cash or other in-kind
6 contributions; and

7 (2) No portion of the appropriation under this section shall be
8 used to pay indirect costs of Washington State University.

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10 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
11 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to
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17 contributions; and

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