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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the growing and
8 processing of food and agricultural products is the dominant industry
9 in Washington state and a major employer in rural Washington. The
10 legislature also finds that agriculture is a critical component of
11 Washington's international trade industry, accounting for billions of
12 dollars in exports every year.

13 The legislature further finds that the export market for
14 Washington's agricultural products has dropped significantly in recent
15 years and that such a drop has negatively impacted the economy in
16 Washington's agricultural regions. Therefore, it is the intent of the
17 legislature to enhance Washington's international trade of agricultural
18 products by increasing funding for the Washington state department of
19 agriculture's international marketing program in an effort to promote
20 marketing of Washington's products and to assist the agricultural
21 industry in efforts to reduce trade barriers that stand in the way of
22 trade in new and emerging markets.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.23 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 There is created a market development and promotion matching fund
26 program within the Washington state department of agriculture. The
27 purpose of the program is to allow the department of agriculture and
28 the agricultural industry to combine funds in order to enhance access
29 to markets that are growth sales areas for the industry's product. The
30 goal of the program is to expose buyers to Washington's diverse
31 agricultural products. The agriculture industry may bring in buying
32 missions, perform trade promotions in various markets, hire overseas
33 contractors, and perform other marketing functions that help it target
34 the correct buyer and market for its product.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.23 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The legislature finds that trade barriers have become an
4 increasingly important issue in the agricultural arena. Further, the
5 world trade organization highlighted the need for "a fair and level
6 playing field." The legislature finds that both large and small
7 commodity groups need adequate resources to address trade barrier
8 issues.

9 (2) There is created within the department of agriculture a trade
10 barrier matching fund program to assist agriculture industries in
11 fighting trade barriers. The purpose of the program is to allow the
12 department of agriculture and the agricultural industry to combine
13 funds in order to address trade barriers issues impacting the
14 agricultural industry.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
16 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
17 June 30, 2001, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
18 void."

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22 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "agriculture;" strike the
23 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter 43.23
24 RCW; and creating new sections."

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