

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 2657

57th Legislature
2002 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 11, 2002
Yeas 94 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 8, 2002
Yeas 45 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2657** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Hunt, Armstrong, Linville, Schoesler, O'Brien, Holmquist, Chase, Roach, Ogden, Clements, Cox, Mulliken, Barlean, Sehlin, Conway and Rockefeller

Read first time 01/23/2002. Referred to Committee on State Government.

1 AN ACT Relating to agricultural products purchased for state
2 institutions and state-supported facilities; adding a new section to
3 chapter 43.19 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that state-produced
6 agricultural products are of the highest quality, transported the least
7 distance, and are the freshest agricultural products available in
8 Washington state. The legislature further finds that providing
9 improved markets for the richly diversified agricultural commodities
10 produced in Washington is needed to stabilize and enhance the rural and
11 agricultural economies in Washington.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) The department of general administration, through the state
15 purchasing and material control director, shall encourage each state
16 and local agency doing business with the department to purchase
17 Washington fruit, vegetables, and agricultural products when available.

1 (2) The department of general administration shall work with the
2 department of agriculture and other interested parties to identify and
3 recommend strategies to increase public purchasing of Washington fruit,
4 vegetables, and agricultural products, and report back orally to the
5 appropriate committees of the legislature in September 2002, and in
6 January 2003.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
9 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
10 immediately.

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