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SENATE BILL 6304

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By Senators Prentice, Parlette, Rasmussen, Oke and McAuliffe

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- AN ACT Relating to the hand harvesting of fruit; and amending RCW
- 2 49.46.060.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.46.060 and 1959 c 294 s 6 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 (1) The director, to the extent necessary in order to prevent
- 7 curtailment of opportunities for employment, shall by regulations
- 8 provide for $((\frac{1}{1}))$ (a) the employment of learners, of apprentices, and
- 9 of messengers employed primarily in delivering letters and messages,
- 10 under special certificates issued pursuant to regulations of the
- 11 director, at such wages lower than the minimum wage applicable under
- 12 RCW 49.46.020 and subject to such limitations as to time, number,
- 13 proportion, and length of service as the director shall prescribe, and
- 14 $((\frac{2}{2}))$ (b) the employment of individuals whose earning capacity is
- 15 impaired by age or physical or mental deficiency or injury, under
- 16 special certificates issued by the director, at such wages lower than
- 17 the minimum wage applicable under RCW 49.46.020 and for such period as
- 18 shall be fixed in such certificates.

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- 1 (2) Any individual who is the spouse of an employee engaged in the 2 hand harvesting of fruit may assist the employee in hand harvesting and 3 have the fruit they pick be considered a part of their spouse's
- 4 production.

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