

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## ESB 6121

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As Passed Senate, April 23, 2005

**Title:** An act relating to fiscal matters.

**Brief Description:** Making appropriations to the department of agriculture.

**Sponsors:** Senator Prentice.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 4/23/05 [DP].

Passed Senate: 4/23/05, 45-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair; Doumit, Vice Chair; Fairley, Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Regala, Rockefeller and Thibaudeau.

**Staff:** Kirstan Arestad (786-7708)

**Background:** The Department of Agriculture provides financial and technical assistance to promote and protect the state's agricultural industry.

**Summary of Bill:** The bill appropriates \$1 million to the Department of Agriculture to extend and expand the asparagus automation and mechanization program and \$1 million to research and develop new hop harvesting technologies.

**Appropriation:** \$2 million.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Who Testified:** No one.