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SENATE BILL 5972

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By Senators Schoesler, Hatfield, and Warnick

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Water & Rural Economic Development.

1 AN ACT Relating to procurement of seeds by state agencies; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 39.26 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 39.26  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) All agencies must require suppliers of seed to provide seed  
7 that is certified to ensure the genetic purity and identity of the  
8 seed. This certification must be by the Washington state department  
9 of agriculture's seed certification program or by any other agency  
10 authorized under the laws of any state, territory, or possession to  
11 certify seed officially and which has standards and procedures  
12 approved by the United States secretary of agriculture to ensure the  
13 genetic purity and identity of the seed certified.

14 (2) For the purposes of this section, tree seed and seed of woody  
15 species are not included.

16 (3) All contracts for provision of seed must state the agency's  
17 expectations for the germination of the seed as an essential element  
18 of the provider's performance under the terms of the contract.

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