

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1127**

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE--LABOR SKILLS AND SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

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Yeas 90 Nays 8

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 13, 2015  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 23, 2015 1:53 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1127** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

**Chief Clerk**

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**By** House Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler and Sells)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the agricultural labor skills and safety grant  
2 program; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; creating a new  
3 section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature recognizes that Washington  
6 is one of the most productive growing regions in the country and  
7 Washington's agriculture is an integral part of this state's economic  
8 health. The legislature also recognizes the agricultural industry's  
9 need for skilled workers and the workers' need in upgrading their  
10 agricultural skills and marketability. The legislature recognizes  
11 that providing skills and safety training for Washington agricultural  
12 workers helps ensure their success and safety and helps to ensure the  
13 continued success of Washington's agricultural industry.

14            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.330  
15 RCW to read as follows:

16            (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
17 specific purpose, the department shall create and administer the  
18 agricultural labor skills and safety grant program that will provide  
19 training opportunities for Washington agricultural workers.

1           (2) The department shall select one recipient that has a  
2 community-based organization whose primary mission is to provide  
3 services to Washington agricultural workers and that has the ability  
4 to carry out the objectives in subsection (3) of this section. The  
5 department must ensure that the grant recipient gives priority to  
6 Washington agricultural workers. The training is open to all workers  
7 in Washington agriculture, and is intended to improve job  
8 employability of workers who live in Washington state and to improve  
9 the skills and knowledge of workers who work on a permanent, local  
10 seasonal, or seasonal migrant basis, and who intend to return to  
11 Washington state to work in Washington state agriculture.

12           (3) The grant recipient shall provide training to agricultural  
13 workers in workforce skills and safety training by working with  
14 agricultural employee and agricultural employer organizations in:

15           (a) Designing and implementing an agricultural skills development  
16 program;

17           (b) Developing a plan to increase the number of skilled  
18 agricultural workers through outreach to Washington agricultural  
19 workers;

20           (c) Providing agricultural health and safety training to its  
21 participants and ensuring that participation in the training program  
22 is voluntary;

23           (d) Conducting project evaluations on agricultural trainings and  
24 service delivery strategies for agricultural workers and employers;

25           (e) Partnering with an agricultural employee and an agricultural  
26 employer organization that has focused on agricultural labor and  
27 employment issues and services for Washington agricultural workers  
28 for at least ten years, and that has experience in providing training  
29 to agricultural employees in developing and providing the training  
30 curriculum; and

31           (f) Delivering training through a service delivery system that is  
32 sensitive to the unique needs of Washington agricultural employers  
33 and agricultural workers, including the barriers to employment for  
34 agricultural workers.

35           (4) The grant recipient may receive up to one million dollars per  
36 year.

37           (5) This section expires July 1, 2018.

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