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BILL REQ. #: S-4473.1/02

ATTY/TYPIST: RJS:seg

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

2 HJM 4018 - S COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Agriculture & International Trade

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5 Strike everything after page 1, line 7, and insert the following:

6 "WHEREAS, Washington state is one of the leading agricultural  
7 states in the nation and has a vested interest in promoting and  
8 expanding its agricultural market to Cuba; and

9 WHEREAS, Washington is the fourth largest exporting state of the  
10 United States, ranking among the top ten states for thirty-five  
11 separate commodities; and

12 WHEREAS, Washington state ranks twelfth in the nation for  
13 agricultural products, accounting for approximately twenty-nine billion  
14 dollars of this state's total economy; and

15 WHEREAS, There are currently not enough apple, wheat, and potato  
16 markets in Washington state; and

17 WHEREAS, Washington state and Cuba have historical economic ties;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Polling results have indicated that an overwhelming  
20 majority of American people support the normalization of relations with  
21 Cuba; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative George Nethercutt sponsored the Trade  
23 Sanction Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, 22 U.S.C. Sec.  
24 7201-7209, P.L. 106-387, to liberalize United States sanctions on  
25 exports of our agricultural commodities to Cuba; and

26 WHEREAS, Initial sales of agricultural commodities have been made  
27 to Cuba, but continuing United States restrictions limit full access to  
28 the Cuban market; and

29 WHEREAS, Lack of economic access with neighboring countries weakens  
30 the agricultural market in Washington state; and

31 WHEREAS, Expanding agricultural trade will benefit both the people  
32 of Cuba and America; and

33 WHEREAS, The Senate and the House of Representatives of the state  
34 of Washington are committed to working diligently toward the goal of  
35 full normalization of relations between the United States of America  
36 and the Republic of Cuba;

1        NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully petition Congress  
2 and the President of the United States to end the policy of  
3 restrictions on trade of agricultural products with Cuba.

4        BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
5 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
6 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
7 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
8 Washington."

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