

SB 5723 - S AMD 133

By Senators Rasmussen, Clements

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that agricultural
4 workers are challenged not only in finding full-time, year-round work,
5 but also face difficulties in upgrading their agricultural skills. The
6 legislature also finds that the agricultural industry's demand for
7 skilled workers far outnumbers the current supply. In addition, the
8 legislature finds that despite recent advances in the safety of
9 agricultural production, additional training of agricultural workers
10 should assist the agricultural sector in ongoing efforts to reduce
11 occupational injuries.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 15.04 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
15 specific purpose, the department shall administer the community
16 agricultural worker safety grant program, to be implemented by the
17 501(c)(3) nonprofit opportunities industrialization center of
18 Washington. As grant recipient, the center shall work with the
19 agricultural industry to provide practical, hands-on training for the
20 state's agricultural workers in tractor and farm machinery skills and
21 safety, pesticide training, adult basic skills, civics, English as a
22 second language, commercial drivers' licensing, and other related
23 topics. The grant recipient may receive up to two hundred fifty
24 thousand dollars per year.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
26 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
27 June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
28 void.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires July 1, 2012."

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2 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the
3 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
4 15.04 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Clarifies that the community agricultural worker safety grant program is subject to the availability of specific appropriations. Provides that the nonprofit Opportunities Industrialization Center of Washington will implement the program. Deletes the appropriation. Specifies that the act is null and void unless specifically funded in the omnibus appropriations act.

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