

SHB 1685 - H AMD 157

By Representative Tarleton

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1 On page 4, line 9, after "expertise;" strike "and"

2 On page 4, line 12, after "10-02" insert "; and

3 (f) Shall coordinate with the Washington State University center  
4 for sustaining agriculture and natural resources as provided in  
5 section 3 of this act"

6 On page 5, line 9, beginning with "(9)" strike all material  
7 through "2017."

8 On page 5, after line 9, insert the following:

9 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The food policy forum shall  
10 coordinate with the Washington State University center for sustaining  
11 agriculture and natural resources and review, consider, and discuss  
12 the study described in this section that must be performed by the  
13 Washington State University center for sustaining agriculture and  
14 natural resources.

15 (2) The study shall build on the work performed by the Washington  
16 state food system roundtable initiated by executive order No. 10-02  
17 and identify a twenty-five year goal for expansion of the state's  
18 food production, processing, and distribution capacity by:

19 (a) Evaluating the geographic distances between local farm  
20 production and points of local food consumption within the local food  
21 supply chain in order to define what constitutes a local economic  
22 impact;

23 (b) Evaluating the state's capacity to produce a variety of food  
24 products given the state's environment and climate;

25 (c) Assessing a potential market demand for an increased local  
26 food supply, through surveys of processors, distributors, and buyers;

27 (d) Analyzing the Seattle restaurant online resource as a model  
28 and potential navigational tool for local food producers as a  
29 potential replacement of the Washington state department of  
30 agriculture handbook for small and direct marketing farms, to reduce  
31 regulatory barriers within the local food supply chain;

1 (e) Identifying infrastructure needs to support the local food  
2 industry, including processing capacity and transportation networks;

3 (f) Assessing the relative economic impact of retaining local  
4 food supply chain business within the state and local food producers  
5 exporting goods out of state;

6 (g) Assessing the institutional capacity of state agencies and  
7 organizations to foster economic growth in the food sector;

8 (h) Evaluating changes in state planning, permitting,  
9 environmental regulation, and financing to enhance food production,  
10 processing, and distribution;

11 (i) Evaluating the economic impact of urban community gardens,  
12 including P-patches that are part of the local food supply chain and  
13 provide healthy foods for schools and local communities; and

14 (j) Identifying legislative actions needed to implement food  
15 system improvements.

16 (3) The recommendations of the study must include short and long-  
17 term action plans for the legislature to support and sustain the  
18 local food sector in Washington. The recommendations of the study  
19 must also include strategies for effective education and awareness  
20 programs with school and community groups about the local food supply  
21 chain. The recommendations of the study may include specific  
22 legislative approaches, such as changes in state law, and  
23 nonlegislative approaches, such as action plans for state agencies  
24 and local governments.

25 (4) The members of the food policy forum appointed pursuant to  
26 section 2 of this act may provide technical information, advice, and  
27 assistance to the Washington State University center for sustaining  
28 agriculture and natural resources in completing the study.

29 (5) The study, with findings and recommendations, must be  
30 reported to the food policy forum by July 1, 2016.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires July 1, 2017."

EFFECT: Requires the food policy forum to coordinate with the Washington State University center for sustaining agriculture and natural resources and to review, consider, and discuss a study that the Washington State University center for sustaining agriculture and natural resources is required to perform that builds on work performed by the Washington state food system roundtable and

identifies a twenty-five year goal for expansion of the state's food production, processing, and distribution capacity.

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