

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5096**

Chapter 280, Laws of 1991

52nd Legislature  
1991 Regular Session

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE--DUTY TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/28/91

Passed by the Senate April 28, 1991  
Yeas 35 Nays 8

JOEL PRITCHARD  
**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 28, 1991  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

JOE KING  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved May 20, 1991

BOOTH GARDNER  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5096** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

GORDON A. GOLOB  
**Secretary**

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May 20, 1991 - 10:56 a.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**



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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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Passed Legislature - 1991 Regular Session

**State of Washington**                      **52nd Legislature**                      **1991 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Barr, Hansen, Anderson, Newhouse, Conner, Bailey, Matson, Patterson, Amondson, Sellar, Bauer, McMullen and L. Smith).

Read first time March 6, 1991.

1            AN ACT Relating to the duties and responsibilities of the  
2 department of agriculture; and adding new sections to chapter 15.04  
3 RCW.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 15.04 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            The history, economy, culture, and the future of Washington state  
8 to a large degree all involve agriculture, which is vital to the  
9 economic well-being of the state. The legislature finds that farmers  
10 and ranchers are responsible stewards of the land, but are increasingly  
11 subjected to complaints and unwarranted restrictions that encourage,  
12 and even force, the premature removal of lands from agricultural uses.

13            The legislature further finds that it is now in the overriding  
14 public interest that support for agriculture be clearly expressed and

1 that adequate protection be given to agricultural lands, uses,  
2 activities, and operations.

3 The legislature further finds that the department of agriculture  
4 has a duty to promote and protect agriculture and its dependent rural  
5 community in Washington state.

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

8 The department shall seek to enhance, protect, and perpetuate the  
9 ability of the private sector to produce food and fiber. Additionally,  
10 the department shall seek to maintain the economic well-being of the  
11 agricultural industry and its dependent rural community in Washington  
12 state.

Passed the Senate April 28, 1991.

Passed the House April 28, 1991.

Approved by the Governor May 20, 1991.

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