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1 AN ACT Relating to the citizens' exchange program; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 43.07 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.07 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 The secretary of state, in consultation with the department of  
7 trade, the department of agriculture, economic development consultants,  
8 the consular corps, and other international trade organizations, shall  
9 develop a Washington state citizens' exchange program that will  
10 initiate and promote:

11 (1) Citizen exchanges between Washington state agricultural,  
12 technical, and educational groups and organizations with their  
13 counterparts in targeted foreign countries.

14 (2) Expanded educational and training exchanges between Washington  
15 state individuals and organizations with similar groups in targeted  
16 foreign countries.

17 (3) Programs to extend Washington state expertise to targeted  
18 foreign countries to help promote better health and technical

1 assistance in agriculture, water resources, hydroelectric power,  
2 forestry management, education, and other areas.

3 (4) Efforts where a special emphasis is placed on utilizing  
4 Washington state's rich human resources who are retired from public and  
5 private life and have the time to assist in this program.

6 (5) People-to-people programs that may result in increased tourism,  
7 business relationships, and trade from targeted foreign nations to the  
8 Pacific Northwest.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The secretary of state shall report back to  
10 the legislature in January 1994 with a proposal for instituting a  
11 Washington state citizen and educational exchange program.

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