

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1891

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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING

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Passed by the House April 17, 2001
Yeas 91 Nays 2

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

CLYDE BALLARD
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 9, 2001
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved May 15, 2001

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1891** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER
Chief Clerk

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Mulliken, Schoesler, Veloria, B. Chandler, Van Luven, Linville, G. Chandler, Conway and Dunn)

Read first time 03/08/2001. Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to international marketing of agriculture; adding
2 new sections to chapter 43.23 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the growing and
5 processing of food and agricultural products is the dominant industry
6 in Washington state and a major employer in rural Washington. The
7 legislature also finds that agriculture is a critical component of
8 Washington's international trade industry, accounting for billions of
9 dollars in exports every year.

10 The legislature further finds that the export market for
11 Washington's agricultural products has dropped significantly in recent
12 years and that such a drop has negatively impacted the economy in
13 Washington's agricultural regions. Therefore, it is the intent of the
14 legislature to enhance Washington's international trade of agricultural
15 products by increasing funding for the Washington state department of
16 agriculture's international marketing program in an effort to promote
17 marketing of Washington's products and to assist the agricultural
18 industry in efforts to reduce trade barriers that stand in the way of
19 trade in new and emerging markets.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.23 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 There is created a market development and promotion matching fund
4 program within the Washington state department of agriculture. The
5 purpose of the program is to allow the department of agriculture and
6 the agricultural industry to combine funds in order to enhance access
7 to markets that are growth sales areas for the industry's product. The
8 goal of the program is to expose buyers to Washington's diverse
9 agricultural products. The agriculture industry may bring in buying
10 missions, perform trade promotions in various markets, hire overseas
11 contractors, and perform other marketing functions that help it target
12 the correct buyer and market for its product.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.23 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The legislature finds that trade barriers have become an
16 increasingly important issue in the agricultural arena. Further, the
17 world trade organization highlighted the need for "a fair and level
18 playing field." The legislature finds that both large and small
19 commodity groups need adequate resources to address trade barrier
20 issues.

21 (2) There is created within the department of agriculture a trade
22 barrier matching fund program to assist agriculture industries in
23 fighting trade barriers. The purpose of the program is to allow the
24 department of agriculture and the agricultural industry to combine
25 funds in order to address trade barriers issues impacting the
26 agricultural industry.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
28 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
29 June 30, 2001, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
30 void.

 Passed the House April 17, 2001.

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 Approved by the Governor May 15, 2001.

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