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

3 "<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 16.57 RCW 4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The director may adopt rules:

6 (a) To support the agriculture industry in meeting federal 7 requirements for the country-of-origin labeling of meat. Any 8 requirements established under this subsection for country of origin 9 labeling purposes shall be substantially consistent with and shall not 10 exceed the requirements established by the United States department of 11 agriculture; and

(b) In consultation with the livestock identification advisory board under RCW 16.57.015, to implement federal requirements for animal identification needed to trace the source of livestock for disease control and response purposes.

16 (2) The director may cooperate with and enter into agreements with 17 other states and agencies of federal government to carry out such 18 systems and to promote consistency of regulation."

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On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "systems;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter 16.57 RCW."

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