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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2299**

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**By** House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville, Schoesler, Kenney, McDonald, Hunt, Simpson, G., Haigh, Shabro, Morrell, Clibborn, Newhouse, Clements, Hudgins and Benson; by request of Department of Agriculture)

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1 AN ACT Relating to animal identification systems; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 16.57 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 16.57 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The director may adopt rules:

7 (a) To support the agriculture industry in meeting federal  
8 requirements for the country-of-origin labeling of meat; and

9 (b) To implement federal requirements for animal identification  
10 needed to trace the source of livestock for disease control and  
11 response purposes.

12 (2) The director may cooperate with and enter into agreements with  
13 other states and agencies of federal government to carry out such a  
14 system and to promote consistency of regulation.

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