
SENATE BILL 6214

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By Senators Brown, Swecker, Sheahan, Rasmussen, Winsley, Kline, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Murray and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to expansion of the farmers market nutrition
2 program for women, infants, and children; creating a new section; and
3 making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) The farmers market nutrition program promotes health, prevents
7 obesity, and encourages the development of good eating habits by
8 enabling low-income women to purchase locally grown fresh fruit and
9 vegetables for themselves and their young children. Women and children
10 in fourteen counties of the state are presently able to participate in
11 the program.

12 (2) Farmers markets and agencies administering the federal women,
13 infants, and children nutrition program in many additional counties
14 have expressed interest in offering this nutrition option for low-
15 income women and children in their local areas, but have been denied
16 the opportunity to participate because state funds have not been
17 available for program expansion.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** During fiscal year 2005, one hundred
2 thousand dollars from the general fund--state and two hundred thirty-
3 three thousand dollars from the general fund--federal are appropriated
4 to the department of health to expand the farmers market nutrition
5 program into areas of the state in which agencies administering the
6 federal women, infants, and children nutrition program do not presently
7 receive state matching funds to participate in the program. The first
8 priority for program expansion shall be to areas of the state that have
9 demonstrated need for and commitment to the program by raising local
10 contributions to meet federal matching fund requirements.

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