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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5972**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Hatfield, and Warnick)

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1 AN ACT Relating to procurement of seeds by state agencies; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 39.26 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 39.26  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) When purchasing seed, all agencies must require suppliers of  
7 seed to ensure the identity and purity of the seed through  
8 appropriate testing performed by the Washington state department of  
9 agriculture or by any other agency authorized under the laws of any  
10 state, territory, or possession that has standards and procedures  
11 approved by the United States secretary of agriculture to ensure the  
12 identity and purity of seed.

13 (2) All contracts for purchasing of seed by an agency must  
14 include the agency's expectations for the germination or viability of  
15 the seed as an essential element of the supplier's performance under  
16 the terms of the contract.

17 (3) For the purposes of this section, tree seed and seed of woody  
18 species are not included.

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