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1 AN ACT Relating to supporting youth development; amending RCW
2 36.50.010; adding a new section to chapter 15.76 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** As of July 2019, almost 22 percent of the
6 population of Washington state was under 18 years of age. The
7 legislature finds that it is critical to invest in both the formal
8 and informal education of the youth of the state. While there are
9 existing youth development programs in the state, it is in the best
10 interest of the state to sponsor youth development programs offered
11 by voluntary grassroots advocacy organizations focusing on
12 agricultural education. In addition to science, technology,
13 engineering, mathematics, and robotics, this youth development
14 program will focus on animal husbandry and agricultural education.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 15.76
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) Voluntary grassroots advocacy organizations representing the
18 social and economic interest of farm and ranch families at the local,
19 state, and national levels may sponsor youth development programs to
20 promote participation in agricultural fairs, youth shows, and

1 exhibitions and education in science, technology, engineering,
2 mathematics, and robotics as well as animal husbandry and
3 agricultural education. The youth development program must
4 incorporate civics, civil society, and participation in government
5 into its programming.

6 (2) It is in the public interest to support youth participation
7 in youth development programs, including youth development programs
8 authorized in RCW 36.50.010. The legislature intends to appropriate
9 funds to fulfill the enrollment fees owed to the programs by
10 participants as an allocation under RCW 15.76.150.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.50.010 and 1963 c 4 s 36.50.010 are each amended
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) The board of county commissioners of any county and the
14 governing body of any municipality are authorized to establish and
15 conduct extension work in agriculture and home economics in
16 cooperation with Washington State University, upon such terms and
17 conditions as may be agreed upon by any such board or governing body
18 and the director of the extension service of Washington State
19 University; and may employ such means and appropriate and expend such
20 sums of money as may be necessary to effectively establish and carry
21 on such work in agriculture and home economics in their respective
22 counties and municipalities.

23 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the board of
24 county commissioners of any county may implement health and safety
25 requirements for any employees or volunteers operating in accordance
26 with this statute. Health and safety requirements implemented by the
27 board of county commissioners of any county preempt any other health
28 and safety requirements for county employees and volunteers under
29 this chapter.

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