

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5362**

Chapter 245, Laws of 2021

67th Legislature  
2021 Regular Session

AGRICULTURAL FAIRS—FUNDING

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Yeas 47 Nays 2

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

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Yeas 97 Nays 1

Laurie Jinkins

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved May 10, 2021 3:41 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5362** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**Secretary**

FILED

May 10, 2021

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators McCune and Warnick)

READ FIRST TIME 02/22/21.

1 AN ACT Relating to ensuring the funding of agricultural fairs;  
2 amending RCW 15.76.115; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature found in 1961 that it  
5 is in the public interest to hold agricultural fairs to train youth,  
6 to educate the public about the production of food and fiber, and to  
7 promote the welfare of farm people and rural living. The legislature  
8 finds that the fair fund was created for the purpose of encouraging  
9 agricultural fairs and training rural youth. The legislature finds  
10 that despite the original expectations, the fair fund has not  
11 increased, and this lack of increased support has made it difficult  
12 to maintain youth programs. Research has shown that youth who  
13 participate in fairs are more likely to get better grades, attend  
14 college, and positively contribute to their families and communities.

15 (2) The legislature finds that fairs also contribute to economic  
16 vitality and cultural heritage by: (a) Providing an opportunity for  
17 small businesses to reach a larger customer base; (b) providing  
18 agricultural suppliers a platform to showcase new technology; (c)  
19 creating numerous seasonal jobs; (d) playing a vital role in fund-  
20 raising for nonprofit organizations; and (e) providing a venue for  
21 community and cultural events.

1 (3) The legislature further finds that events held on fairgrounds  
2 support both the cultural and economic development of rural  
3 communities. The legislature finds that connecting the fair fund to  
4 revenue generated on fairgrounds encourages fairs to work with local  
5 businesses to increase economic opportunity. Thirty-seven counties  
6 have a fair. Benton and Franklin counties share a fair. Mason county  
7 currently does not have a fair.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 15.76.115 and 2018 c 280 s 3 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (1) The fair fund is created in the custody of the state  
11 treasury.

12 (2) All moneys received by the department of agriculture for the  
13 purposes of this fund and from RCW 67.16.105 shall be deposited into  
14 the fund. Each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall transfer into  
15 the fair fund from the general fund (~~the sum of two million~~  
16 dollars)) an amount appropriated in the omnibus operating  
17 appropriations act equal to:

18 (a) \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;

19 (b) \$2,750,000 in each fiscal year 2022 and 2023;

20 (c) \$3,500,000 in each fiscal year 2024 and 2025; and

21 (d) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year  
22 thereafter.

23 (e) To support inclusiveness at fair events, a portion of the  
24 additional funds provided to fairs as a result of this act must be  
25 prioritized to be spent on educational programs and outreach that are  
26 reflective of the diversity within a fair's local population.

27 (3) Expenditures from the fund may be used only for assisting  
28 fairs in the manner provided in this chapter. Only the director of  
29 agriculture or the director's designee may authorize expenditures  
30 from the fund. The fund is subject to allotment procedures under  
31 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for expenditures.

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