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1 AN ACT Relating to Washington state agricultural commodities; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 15.04 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 15.04 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Before being offered for retail sale in this state, any  
7 agricultural commodity, defined under RCW 15.66.010, that was grown or  
8 raised in this state may be advertised, labeled, described, sold,  
9 marked, or otherwise held out, with the words "Washington state grown,"  
10 or other similar language indicating that the product is from  
11 Washington state grown or raised agricultural commodities.

12 (2) An agricultural commodity that was not grown or raised in this  
13 state and packages of that product shall not be advertised, labeled,  
14 described, sold, marked, or otherwise held out as "Washington state  
15 grown," or in any way as to imply that such product is from Washington  
16 state grown or raised agricultural commodities.

17 (3) It is unlawful for any person to violate this section.

18 (4) The legislature finds that the practices covered by this  
19 section are matters vitally affecting the public interest for the

1 purpose of applying the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW.  
2 Violations of this section are not reasonable in relation to the  
3 development and preservation of business. A violation of this section  
4 is an unfair or deceptive act in trade or commerce and an unfair method  
5 of competition for the purpose of applying the consumer protection act,  
6 chapter 19.86 RCW.

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