

2 **HB 1852** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Agriculture & International Trade

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

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

8 (1) International trade is an integral part of the state's economy;

9 (2) Washington's economy is vital to the Pacific Northwest region,
10 which includes several states and Canadian provinces;

11 (3) Increasing global competition may require economic policies
12 that build on the strengths of the region and create ongoing
13 opportunities for the sale of Washington's goods and services;

14 (4) Greater efficiency through cooperation with other states and
15 Canadian provinces within the region will benefit businesses in the
16 region, as well as in Washington.

17 It is the intent of this act to increase the overseas promotion of
18 Washington's goods and services by collocating, where feasible and
19 advantageous, the state's trade offices or offices of the state's
20 foreign representative contractors with comparable offices of other
21 states and Canadian provinces.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.23 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 (1) The director of the department may enter into contracts with
25 port districts, commodity commissions, or other appropriate state or
26 regional organizations for the purpose of:

27 (a) Establishing foreign trade offices designed to promote the
28 export of Washington food and agricultural products; or

29 (b) Contracting with overseas representatives to promote the export
30 of Washington's food and agricultural products.

31 (2) The department shall report to the appropriate committees of
32 the legislature on the results of the export promotion efforts under
33 this section and recommendations for improvements.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.23.035 and 1995 c 399 s 70 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The department of agriculture is hereby designated as the agency of
4 state government for the administration and implementation of state
5 agricultural market development programs and activities, both domestic
6 and foreign, and shall, in addition to the powers and duties otherwise
7 imposed by law, have the following powers and duties:

8 (1) To study the potential marketability of various agricultural
9 commodities of this state in foreign and domestic trade;

10 (2) To collect, prepare, and analyze foreign and domestic market
11 data;

12 (3) To establish a program to promote and assist in the marketing
13 of Washington-bred horses: PROVIDED, That the department shall present
14 a proposal to the legislature no later than December 1, 1986, that
15 provides for the elimination of all state funding for the program after
16 June 30, 1989;

17 (4) To encourage and promote the sale of Washington's agricultural
18 commodities and products at the site of their production through the
19 development and dissemination of referral maps and other means;

20 (5) To encourage and promote those agricultural industries, such as
21 the wine industry, which attract visitors to rural areas in which other
22 agricultural commodities and products are produced and are, or could
23 be, made available for sale;

24 (6) To encourage and promote the establishment and use of public
25 markets in this state for the sale of Washington's agricultural
26 products;

27 (7) To maintain close contact with foreign firms and governmental
28 agencies and to act as an effective intermediary between foreign
29 nations and Washington traders;

30 (8) To publish and disseminate to interested citizens and others
31 information which will aid in carrying out the purposes of chapters
32 43.23, 15.64, 15.65, and 15.66 RCW;

33 (9) To encourage and promote the movement of foreign and domestic
34 agricultural goods through the ports of Washington;

35 (10) To conduct an active program by sending representatives to, or
36 engaging representatives in, foreign countries to promote the state's
37 agricultural commodities and products;

1 (11) To assist and to make Washington agricultural concerns more
2 aware of the potentials of foreign trade and to encourage production of
3 those commodities that will have high export potential and appeal;

4 (12) To coordinate the trade promotional activities of appropriate
5 federal, state, and local public agencies, as well as civic
6 organizations; (~~and~~)

7 (13) To locate trade offices or contract with foreign
8 representatives to promote the export of Washington's food and
9 agricultural products. Where feasible, advantageous, and consistent
10 with the goals and objectives of the department, the director may
11 colocate a trade office or cooperate in contracting overseas
12 representatives with port districts, commodity commissions, or other
13 appropriate state or regional organizations; and

14 (14) To develop a coordinated marketing program with the department
15 of community, trade, and economic development, utilizing existing trade
16 offices and participating in mutual trade missions and activities.

17 As used in this section, "agricultural commodities" includes
18 products of both terrestrial and aquatic farming.

19 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.31.145 and 1991 c 24 s 7 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) The department is charged with the primary role within state
22 government for the establishment and operation of foreign offices
23 (~~created for the purpose of promoting~~) or contract with foreign
24 representatives to promote overseas trade and commerce.

25 (2) The department, where feasible, advantageous, and consistent
26 with the goals and objectives of the department, may colocate a trade
27 office or cooperate in contracting overseas representatives with states
28 or Canadian provinces."

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32 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "services;" strike the
33 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.23.035 and

1 43.31.145; adding a new section to chapter 43.23 RCW; and creating a
2 new section."

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