

2 HB 2657 - 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 state-produced
8 agricultural products are of the highest quality, transported the least
9 distance, and are the freshest agricultural products available in
10 Washington state. The legislature further finds that providing
11 improved markets for the richly diversified agricultural commodities
12 produced in Washington is needed to stabilize and enhance the rural and
13 agricultural economies in Washington.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The department of general administration, through the state
17 purchasing and material control director, shall encourage each state
18 and local agency doing business with the department to purchase
19 Washington fruit, vegetables, and agricultural products when available.

20 (2) The department of general administration shall work with the
21 department of agriculture and other interested parties to identify and
22 recommend strategies to increase public purchasing of Washington fruit,
23 vegetables, and agricultural products, and report back orally to the
24 appropriate committees of the legislature in September 2002, and in
25 January 2003.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
29 immediately."

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4 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "facilities;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
6 43.19 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency."

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