

CHAPTER 349.

[ H. B. 245. ]

POULTRY DISEASE DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORIES.

AN ACT relating to poultry disease diagnostic laboratories; and making an appropriation therefor.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. Whereas, poultry production comprises one of the largest state agricultural industries; whereas, epidemic poultry diseases constitute a serious menace to the welfare of the people; whereas, present facilities for diagnosis and control of poultry diseases are not adequate; and whereas, the poultry industry has offered a sum constituting approximately one-third of the cost needed for establishment of adequate poultry disease diagnostic facilities.

Therefore, construction and equipping of poultry disease diagnostic laboratories is a subject of general interest and concern, which requires appropriate action by the legislature.

Purpose.

Therefore, the state exercising herein its police and sovereign power, endeavors by this act to remedy the further spread of epidemic poultry diseases by providing for establishment of sufficient diagnostic facilities.

Legislative declaration.

Therefore, the legislature declares that in its considered judgment, the public good and general welfare of the citizens of this state require the enactment of this measure.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. For the biennium ending June 30, 1957, there is appropriated to the State College of Washington from the general fund, the sum of sixty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this act.

Constructing laboratory at Puyallup.

(1) Forty-five thousand dollars of the amount appropriated shall be allocated for the construction of a poultry disease diagnostic laboratory at the

Western Washington experiment station at Puyallup.

(2) Fifteen thousand dollars of the amount appropriated shall be allocated for the equipping of poultry disease diagnostic laboratories at the Northwestern Washington experiment station at Mount Vernon and at the Southwestern Washington experiment station at Vancouver.

Equipping  
laboratories  
at Mount  
Vernon and  
Vancouver.

SEC. 3. No portion of the sums allocated in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 2 shall be expended, until the Washington state poultry industry pledged contribution of thirty-five thousand dollars has been deposited, in a joint depository selected by the State College of Washington and the Washington state poultry industry.

Limitation on  
expenditure.

All payments from the joint depository shall be made only:

(1) On vouchers signed by duly authorized representatives of the State College of Washington and the Washington state poultry industry; and

(2) For the equipping of the poultry disease diagnostic laboratory at Western Washington experiment station at Puyallup.

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Approved by the Governor March 21, 1955.