

and apricots consigned to a processing or by-products plant.

SEC. 5. Any violation of this act shall be punishable as a misdemeanor. Penalty.

SEC. 6. This act shall not take effect until after a public hearing has been held by the director in regard to regulations which are to be promulgated by the director establishing standards on maturity and tolerance for insect infestation of apricots and Italian type prunes. Effective date.

Passed the House March 1, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.

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CHAPTER 99.

[ H. B. 277. ]

SALE OF SCHOOL LAND IN SKAGIT COUNTY.

AN ACT relating to state lands authorizing the sale of certain school land in Skagit county.

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

SECTION 1. The commissioner of public lands is authorized to sell at public auction in the manner provided by law that portion of lot 4, section 16, township 35 north, range 8 east, W. M., included in a tract described by metes and bounds as follows: Authoriza-tion.

Commencing at the east quarter section corner of said section 16 and running thence west 1766.57 feet and north 495.09 feet to the true point of beginning, and running thence north 28° 54' 50" west 305.82 feet, north 42° 31' 20" west 205.93 feet, north 27° 47' west 189.10 feet, and north 29° 27' 40" east to the northerly line of said lot 4, thence southeasterly along said northerly line to the westerly right of way line of the right of way for county road granted Description by metes and bounds.

by the state of Washington to Skagit county November 12, 1952 under application No. 1988, thence southwesterly and southeasterly along said westerly right of way line to a point which is south 34° 59' 40" east of the point of beginning and thence north 34° 59' 40" west to the point of beginning, with an area of 8 acres, more or less.

Passed the House March 1, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.

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CHAPTER 100.

[ H. B. 304. ]

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—CONTRACTS WITH  
PUBLIC UTILITIES.

AN ACT relating to certain contracts of the state highway department with public utilities.

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

Contracts  
for work  
or services  
authorized.

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the state department of highways acting through the Washington state highway commission to contract without advertising or bid with any public utility, whether publicly or privately operated, for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any service of a type ordinarily performed or furnished by such utility whenever, in the opinion of said commission, the interest of the public will be best served.

Passed the House February 17, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.