

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. In an action brought pursuant to section 4 of this act, the prevailing party is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Any person who violates this chapter is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The department may adopt rules under chapter 34.04 RCW to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 49 RCW.

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CHAPTER 90

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 4423]

AGRICULTURAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

AN ACT Relating to the creation of an agricultural market development task force; creating new sections; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

(1) The export of agricultural commodities produced in Washington state contributes substantial benefits to the economic base of the state, provides a large number of jobs and sizeable tax revenues to state and local governments, and provides an important stabilizing effect on prices received by agricultural producers;

(2) The gross state farm income recently experienced its first drop in over twenty years which is creating hardship and concern for many agricultural producers and related industries;

(3) Several state agricultural commodities have been restricted from markets in foreign countries as a result of trade barriers and tariffs;

(4) Efforts by agricultural commodity commissions, the department of agriculture, the department of commerce and economic development, and Washington state university to expand markets¹ for state-produced agricultural commodities have been frustrated by the erection of trade barriers and tariffs by foreign countries; and

(5) Concentrated support of all sectors of agriculture and state government together with support by the state's congressional delegation may be necessary to resist the erection of additional trade barriers and to assist in the removal of existing trade barriers.

The legislature further finds that state agencies and institutions and the agricultural industry possess considerable expertise in agricultural commodity marketing and that their present activities in this area are being funded by a combination of self-imposed farmer assessments, private funds, and state funds. The legislature finds that, in addition to the need to expand markets to stabilize prices, the long-term growth of the state is heavily reliant on development of new export markets and that pooling existing resources to develop strategies for the expansion of markets for agricultural products will provide an incentive to the people of the state to review present policies and develop new approaches to spur expansion in this important area.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is hereby created the agricultural market development task force. The task force shall consist of the director of agriculture, the director of commerce and economic development, the commissioner of public lands, the chairman and ranking minority member of the senate agriculture committee, the chairman and ranking minority member of the house agriculture committee, and fourteen members appointed by the governor including at least one member from each of the following groups: The commodity commissions, food producers and processors, fresh food shippers, cooperatives, Washington state university, port districts, agricultural financiers, commodity brokers, and other persons who have expertise in agricultural trade and marketing matters. Task force members shall include at least one member from each congressional district in the state. The task force shall invite representation from the offices of the state congressional delegation. Appointments under this section shall be made within twenty-one days after the effective date of this act. Task force members shall be entitled to reimbursement under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their task force duties. Legislative members shall be entitled to reimbursement under RCW 44.04.120.

The task force shall elect a chairperson from among its private citizen members. The task force shall be staffed by existing market development personnel of the department of agriculture, the department of natural resources, and the department of commerce and economic development. The task force may hold meetings at least once per month or when determined advisable by the committee. The initial meeting of the task force shall be held within forty-five days after the effective date of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The purposes of the agricultural market development task force are:

- (1) To identify foreign and domestic trade and market-related problems affecting the state of Washington's agricultural industry;
- (2) To identify strategies that could be employed which would strengthen the state's agricultural industries' bargaining position on foreign and domestic trade issues;
- (3) To take actions to combat trade barriers and tariffs imposed on the sale of agricultural commodities produced in Washington state which have been or are proposed to be erected by foreign countries;
- (4) To provide coordination of present efforts by state agencies, institutions, and the agricultural industry to concentrate support to counter foreign trade barriers and to minimize domestic marketing and transportation-related problems;
- (5) To develop a strategy for a Washington state based multi-commodity trading company or similar organization with special emphasis on cooperatives;
- (6) To consult with the United States international trade commission and the state's congressional delegation regarding international trade negotiations affecting Washington state's agricultural products; and
- (7) To identify and prioritize areas in which additional research is needed and to provide recommendations on the funding of high-priority programs.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The agricultural market development task force shall:

- (1) Issue a preliminary report by December 1, 1984, to the state legislature and to the state's congressional delegation which shall include recommendations for state and federal legislation, strategies, and a report on the trade status of agricultural products produced in the state; and
- (2) Issue a final report by June 1, 1985, to the state legislature and the state's congressional delegation with any additional recommendations and an outline of the activities and accomplishments of the task force. The task force shall terminate on June 30, 1985, unless reactivated by the legislature after a determination of the task force's effectiveness.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is appropriated from the general fund to the department of agriculture for the activities of the agricultural market development task force for the biennium ending June 30, 1985, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state

government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 91

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 4313]

CITY-COUNTY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS—CLARIFICATION

AN ACT Relating to local government; and adding a new chapter to Title 36 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. It is the intent of the legislature in enacting this chapter to provide for the implementation and clarification of Article XI, section 16 of the state Constitution, which authorizes the formation of combined city and county municipal corporations.

"City-county," as used in this chapter, means a combined city and county municipal corporation under Article XI, section 16 of the state Constitution.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Recognizing the paramount duty of the state to provide for the common schools under Article IX, sections 1 and 2 of the state Constitution, school districts shall be retained as separate political subdivisions within the city-county.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A county, city, or city-county shall not levy a tax on net income.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The method of allocating state revenues shall not be modified for a period of one year from the date the initial officers of the city-county assume office. During the one-year period, state revenue shares shall be calculated as if the preexisting county, cities, and special purpose districts had continued as separate entities. However, distributions of the revenue to the consolidated entities shall be made to the city-county.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. If the city-county government includes a fire protection or law enforcement unit that was, prior to the formation of the city-county, governed by a state statute providing for binding arbitration in collective bargaining, then the entire fire protection or law enforcement unit of the city-county shall be governed by that statute.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The formation of a city-county shall not have the effect of reducing, restricting, or limiting retirement or disability benefits of any person employed by or retired from a municipal corporation,