

town by or for the contractor to secure the performance of his contract or to secure the payment of persons who have performed work thereon, furnished materials therefor, or provisions and supplies for the carrying on of the work.

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## CHAPTER 118.

[ H. B. 555. ]

### ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST PUBLIC CORPORATIONS.

AN ACT relating to actions by and against public corporations; repealing section 601, page 154, Laws of 1869 and section 661, Code of 1881, and amending section 4.08.110, RCW; repealing section 602, page 154, Laws of 1869 and section 662, Code of 1881, and amending section 4.08.120, RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 601, page 154, Laws of 1869 and section 661, Code of 1881, are each repealed, and section 4.08.110, RCW, presently derived therefrom and henceforth derived from this act, is amended to read as follows:

Repealing  
and  
amendment  
clause.

An action at law may be maintained by any county, incorporated town, school district or other public corporation of like character, in its corporate name, and upon a cause of action accruing to it, in its corporate character and not otherwise, in any of the following cases:

Actions by  
public  
corporations.

(1) Upon a contract made with such public corporation;

(2) Upon a liability prescribed by law in favor of such public corporation;

(3) To recover a penalty or forfeiture given to such public corporation;

(4) To recover damages for an injury to the corporate rights or property of such public corporation.

Repealing  
and  
amendment  
clause.

SEC. 2. Section 602, page 154, Laws of 1869 and section 662, Code of 1881, are each repealed, and section 4.08.120, RCW, presently derived therefrom and henceforth derived from this act, is amended to read as follows:

Actions  
against  
public  
corporations.

An action may be maintained against a county or other of the public corporations mentioned or described in RCW 4.08.110, either upon a contract made by such county, or other public corporation in its corporate character and within the scope of its authority, or for an injury to the rights of the plaintiff arising from some act or omission of such county or other public corporation.

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## CHAPTER 119.

[ H. B. 590. ]

### DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE—LEASES AUTHORIZED.

AN ACT relating to certain state lands under the control and direction of the director of agriculture.

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

Leases  
authorized.

SECTION 1. The director of agriculture may, at his discretion, for a period of not to exceed ten years, lease state lands which are now or may hereafter be, under his direction and control, the retention of which he deems unnecessary for present state purposes or needs, to any non-profit group or organization having educational, agricultural or youth development purposes. Such leases shall be upon such