



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Department of Agriculture 2008 Supplemental Budget

As enacted by the Governor, 4/1/08

Risk Management – \$212,000

Ongoing funding is provided for two positions (Internal Auditor and Human Resources Consultant) to address critical gaps in the Department's basic administrative structure. These positions are part of Phase 1 of a multi-year initiative to meet vital administrative and operational needs. These needs were identified by an independent management analysis conducted in Fall 2006. The assessment identified essential areas where the Department did not meet established state standards. (*General Fund-State*)

Local Farms, Healthy Kids – \$290,000

Provides funding for staffing to implement 2SSB 6483, which creates a "Farm-to-School" program in the Department of Agriculture to encourage increased purchasing of Washington-grown food by schools. Part of the Local Farms/Healthy Kids Act. (*General Fund-State*)

Pacific County Spartina Eradication – \$65,000

Provides \$65,000 in additional funding and earmarks \$35,000 of the department's existing Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account appropriation for the Pacific County Noxious Weed Control Board to continue its planning and implementation of spartina eradication activities. (*General Fund-State*)

Climate Change – \$57,000

Provides funding for WSDA to participate in the development of the voluntary carbon offset/credit program during 2008 under E2SHB 2815, Providing a Framework for Reducing Greenhouse Gases Emissions in Washington. (*General Fund-State*)

The budget also includes the legislative approval, required by Initiative 960, for WSDA to increase the **apple pest certification** assessment to fund the apple maggot survey program.

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