

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5303**

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FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION NONPUBLIC INFORMATION—PUBLIC RECORDS ACT  
EXEMPTION

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**President of the Senate**

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Laurie Jinkins

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5303** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
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**By** Senator Hunt; by request of Department of Health

1 AN ACT Relating to exempting United States food and drug  
2 administration nonpublic information from disclosure under the state  
3 public disclosure act; and amending RCW 42.56.380.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.56.380 and 2019 c 337 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 The following information relating to agriculture and livestock  
8 is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

9 (1) Business-related information under RCW 15.86.110;

10 (2) Information provided under RCW 15.54.362;

11 (3) Production or sales records required to determine assessment  
12 levels and actual assessment payments to commodity boards and  
13 commissions formed under chapters 15.24, 15.26, 15.28, 15.44, 15.65,  
14 15.66, 15.74, 15.88, 15.115, 15.100, 15.89, and 16.67 RCW or required  
15 by the department of agriculture to administer these chapters or the  
16 department's programs;

17 (4) Consignment information contained on phytosanitary  
18 certificates issued by the department of agriculture under chapters  
19 15.13, 15.49, and 15.17 RCW or federal phytosanitary certificates  
20 issued under 7 C.F.R. 353 through cooperative agreements with the  
21 animal and plant health inspection service, United States department

1 of agriculture, or on applications for phytosanitary certification  
2 required by the department of agriculture;

3 (5) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by  
4 persons (a) to the department of agriculture for the purpose of  
5 conducting a referendum for the potential establishment of a  
6 commodity board or commission; or (b) to the department of  
7 agriculture or commodity boards or commissions formed under chapter  
8 15.24, 15.28, 15.44, 15.65, 15.66, 15.74, 15.88, 15.115, 15.100,  
9 15.89, or 16.67 RCW with respect to domestic or export marketing  
10 activities or individual producer's production information;

11 (6) Information obtained regarding the purchases, sales, or  
12 production of an individual American ginseng grower or dealer, except  
13 for providing reports to the United States fish and wildlife service  
14 under RCW 15.19.080;

15 (7) Information collected regarding packers and shippers of  
16 fruits and vegetables for the issuance of certificates of compliance  
17 under RCW 15.17.140(2) and 15.17.143;

18 (8) Financial statements obtained under RCW 16.65.030(1)(d) for  
19 the purposes of determining whether or not the applicant meets the  
20 minimum net worth requirements to construct or operate a public  
21 livestock market;

22 (9) Information submitted by an individual or business to the  
23 department of agriculture under the requirements of chapters 16.36,  
24 16.57, and 43.23 RCW for the purpose of herd inventory management for  
25 animal disease traceability. This information includes animal  
26 ownership, numbers of animals, locations, contact information,  
27 movements of livestock, financial information, the purchase and sale  
28 of livestock, account numbers or unique identifiers issued by  
29 government to private entities, and information related to livestock  
30 disease or injury that would identify an animal, a person, or  
31 location. Disclosure to local, state, and federal officials is not  
32 public disclosure. This exemption does not affect the disclosure of  
33 information used in reportable animal health investigations under  
34 chapter 16.36 RCW once they are complete;

35 (10) Results of testing for animal diseases from samples  
36 submitted by or at the direction of the animal owner or his or her  
37 designee that can be identified to a particular business or  
38 individual;

39 (11) Records of international livestock importation that can be  
40 identified to a particular animal, business, or individual received

1 from the United States department of homeland security or the United  
2 States department of agriculture that are not disclosable by the  
3 federal agency under federal law including 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552;

4 (12) Records related to the entry of prohibited agricultural  
5 products imported into Washington state or that had Washington state  
6 as a final destination received from the United States department of  
7 homeland security or the United States department of agriculture that  
8 are not disclosable by the federal agency under federal law including  
9 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552;

10 (13) Information obtained from the federal government or others  
11 under contract with the federal government or records obtained by the  
12 department of agriculture, in accordance with RCW 15.135.100;

13 (14) Hop grower lot numbers and laboratory results associated  
14 with the hop grower lot numbers where this information is used by the  
15 department of agriculture to issue export documents; (~~and~~)

16 (15) Information or records obtained pursuant to a food and drug  
17 administration contract or commissioning agreement, in accordance  
18 with RCW 15.130.150; and

19 (16) The following information or records obtained from the  
20 federal food and drug administration by the public health  
21 laboratories within the department of health pursuant to a contract  
22 or agreement entered into for the purpose of obtaining funding for  
23 monitoring food supplies for harmful contaminants, to the extent it  
24 is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552, the federal  
25 freedom of information act: Trade secrets; confidential commercial  
26 information; information under the federal deliberative process  
27 privilege; information compiled for law enforcement purposes; and  
28 information expressly required to be kept confidential by other  
29 federal laws.

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