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CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

(RCW 34.05.325 Public participation—Concise explanatory statement)

Adoption of permanent rules to establish requirements for direct sellers of processed foods

Reasons for Adopting the Rule:

On March 27, 2014, the Governor signed ESSB 6388, an act related to “Direct Sellers” of food products. Authority was granted to the Department of Agriculture under chapter 69.04 RCW to establish rules related to the implementation of the direct seller program. These rules provide businesses operating as a Director Seller of food products clarity on requirements for sanitation, record keeping, record retention, fees and licensing requirements.

Summary of the Public Comment Process:

RCW 34.05.325(1) requires the department to accept written comments on proposed rules if they are received no later than the time and date specified in the department’s notice of proposed rule making (CR-102). The public comment period for the proposed amendments ran from September 17, 2014 through November 3, 2014. During that time no written comment was received.

RCW 34.05.325(2) requires the department to provide interested parties an opportunity to present oral comments on the proposed rules at a rule-making hearing. The department held a public hearing in Olympia at 10:30 a.m. on November 3, 2014. No members of the public attended the hearing.

Comments Received From Stakeholders:

No comments were received.

Differences Between the Proposed and Adopted Rule:

None.