

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to agriculture. (BDR 51-704)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

AN ACT relating to agriculture; requiring the Director of the State Department of Agriculture to establish a program to certify certain food and farm products as grown or produced in Nevada and to certify the vendors of such food or farm products; requiring the State Department of Agriculture to establish a Task Force on Farm Labor; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law authorizes the Director of the State Department of Agriculture to establish a program for the certification of producers and handlers of organic agricultural products. (NRS 587.800) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Director to establish a program to certify: (1) food and farm products as grown or produced in Nevada; and (2) vendors of food or farm products grown or produced in Nevada. In order for a vendor to be certified by the program, **section 1** requires that 51 percent or more of the food or farm products sold by the vendor be grown or produced in Nevada.

**Section 2** of this bill requires the State Department of Agriculture to establish a Task Force on Farm Labor to study issues relating to the farm labor workforce in this State, including, without



limitation, workforce development and visa programs for farmworkers. **Section 2** also: (1) prescribes the membership and duties of the Task Force; (2) requires the Task Force to submit a written report describing the activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Task Force for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Legislature; and (3) authorizes the Task Force to request the drafting of not more than two legislative measures for prefilng on or before the first day of the regular session of the 2027 Legislature.

**Section 3** of this bill makes an appropriation of \$800,000 to the Nutritious Food Purchase Account for the Director of the State Department of Agriculture to carry out the Home Feeds Nevada Agriculture Food Purchase Program.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 587 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. The Director shall establish a program to certify:*
  - (a) Food and farm products as grown or produced in Nevada; and*
  - (b) Vendors of food or farm products grown or produced in Nevada, which may include, without limitation, small farms, food distributors, farmers' markets, food cooperatives, restaurants and other businesses.*



2. *To be certified as a vendor by the program established pursuant to subsection 1, 51 percent or more of the food or farm products sold by a vendor must be grown or produced in this State.*

3. *The Director may not charge a fee to certify food or farm products or vendors thereof in accordance with the program established pursuant to subsection 1.*

4. *The Director shall adopt regulations to carry out this section, which may include, without limitation:*

(a) *Standards for the certification of food and farm products as grown or produced in this State. For the purposes of such standards, the Director may include food and farm products that are processed, packaged, inspected or distributed in states other than Nevada.*

(b) *The criteria for a person to participate in the program.*

(c) *Requirements for the use of a seal of certification for food and farm products grown or produced in this State and vendors thereof.*

5. *The Director may enter into contracts or other agreements with nonprofit organizations to establish and carry out the provisions of this section.*

6. *As used in this section:*

(a) *“Farm products” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 576.0155.*

(b) *“Food” means any food, drink, confection, beverage, or any component in the preparation or manufacture thereof, intended for ultimate human consumption, stored, being prepared or manufactured, displayed, offered for sale, sold or served to the public.*



**Sec. 2.** 1. The State Department of Agriculture shall establish a Task Force on Farm Labor to conduct a study during the 2025-2026 interim concerning issues relating to the farm labor workforce in this State, including, without limitation, workforce development and visa programs for farmworkers.

2. The Task Force must be composed of the following members:

(a) One representative of the State Department of Agriculture, appointed by the Director of the Department;

(b) One representative of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, appointed by the Director of the Department;

(c) Two owners of farms in this State, appointed by the Governor;

(d) Two representatives of farmworkers or farmworker advocacy groups, appointed by the Governor; and

(e) One representative of the agricultural sector in this State, appointed by the Governor.

3. During the 2025-2026 interim, the Task Force shall study issues relating to the farm labor workforce in this State, including, without limitation:

(a) Challenges and barriers facing farmworkers and strategies to attract, train and retain farm labor; and

(b) Issues relating to the federal H-2A program, including, without limitation, best practices to support the expansion of the program in this State.

4. The Task Force shall, at its first meeting, elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members.



5. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chair. A majority of the Task Force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Task Force.

6. The members of the Task Force serve without compensation and are not entitled to the per diem and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

7. On or before December 1, 2026, the Task Force shall prepare and submit a written report describing the activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Task Force to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Legislature.

8. The Task Force may request the drafting of not more than two legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Task Force. The request must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before December 1, 2026, and must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. A legislative measure requested pursuant to this subsection must be prefiled on or before the first day of the regular session of the 84th Session of the Legislature. A legislative measure that is not prefiled on or before that day shall be deemed withdrawn.

**Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Nutritious Food Purchase Account created by NRS 561.505 the sum of \$800,000 for use by the Director of the State Department of Agriculture to carry out the Home Feeds Nevada Agriculture Food Purchase Program established pursuant to NRS 561.515.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2027, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any



portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2027, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

**Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

