FINAL BILL REPORT

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Requiring state laws and rules to be assessed to determine adverse impacts on agriculture.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Barr, Hansen, Anderson, Newhouse, Conner, Bailey, Matson, Patterson, Amondson, Sellar, Bauer, McMullen and L. Smith).

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & WATER RESOURCES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

BACKGROUND:

A number of agencies, including the Department of Wildlife, the Department of Fisheries and the Department of Trade and Economic Development, were given specific overall mission statements when they were formed, some of which have been amended over time. These mission statements or statements of purpose are designed to provide the basic framework within which the agency functions. Other agencies, such as the Department of Agriculture, lack an overall mission statement but instead administer a variety of individual regulatory and nonregulatory programs, each with its own purpose statement.

SUMMARY:

The mission of the Department of Agriculture is to seek to maintain the economic well-being of the agricultural industry and its dependent rural community in Washington.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate 39 8
House 94 3 (House amended)
Senate (Senate refused to concur)
House (House refused to recede)

<u>Conference Committee</u>

Report not adopted
House 97 0 (House refused to recede)
Senate 35 8 (Senate concurred)

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