

**FINAL BILL REPORT**

**SB 5778**

**C 263 L 91**

**SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED**

**Brief Description:** Requiring persons filing reports of pesticide damage to cooperate with the department of agriculture.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Newhouse and Hansen.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & WATER RESOURCES**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**BACKGROUND:**

Concern has been expressed over the ability of the Department of Agriculture to conduct pesticide damage report investigations. Currently, claimants are not required to allow the department access to the property alleged to have been damaged in the pesticide damage report.

**SUMMARY:**

A person filing a report of loss with the Department of Agriculture is required to cooperate with the department or the department's representative in conducting an investigation of the report. Failure to cooperate will result in the claim not being acted on by the department.

**VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:**

Senate	42	0
House	94	0

**EFFECTIVE:** July 28, 1991