

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5943

AS PASSED SENATE, MARCH 11, 1993

Brief Description: Changing the responsibilities of the pesticide incident reporting and tracking review panel.

SPONSORS: Senators Loveland and M. Rasmussen

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators M. Rasmussen, Chairman; Loveland, Vice Chairman; Anderson, Barr, Bauer, Newhouse, and Snyder.

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Hearing Dates: March 2, 1993

BACKGROUND:

The Pesticide Incident Reporting and Tracking Review Panel was created in 1989 and is currently responsible for:

- 1) Establishing guidelines for centralizing the receipt of information involving pesticide incidents;
- 2) Reviewing and making recommendations for procedures for the investigation of pesticide incidents;
- 3) Monitoring the time periods for response to reports of pesticide incidents by the Departments of Agriculture, Health, and Labor and Industries;
- 4) Upon request, reviewing pesticide incidents of unusual complexity or which cannot be resolved;
- 5) Identifying inadequacies in state and/or federal law that result in insufficient protection of public health, with specific attention to examining pesticide re-entry intervals as established by the EPA; and
- 6) Reviewing and preparing an annual report.

SUMMARY:

The Pesticide Incident Reporting and Tracking Review Panel's authority to study and recommend re-entry intervals which are different from the standards established by the EPA is removed from statute, in order to eliminate duplicate authority.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

The bill is needed to eliminate duplicate effort at the state and federal level. The EPA is already spending great amounts of time and money on establishing re-entry intervals and the state does not have the resources or expertise to duplicate that effort.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Mark Triplett, Washington Horticulture Association
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