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By House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Schoesler, Linville, Chandler, Grant, Mastin, Parlette, Buck, Sheahan, Thompson and Anderson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to integrated pest management; and adding a new
2 chapter to Title 17 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that it is the
5 policy of the state of Washington to require all state agencies that
6 have pest control responsibilities to follow the principles of
7 integrated pest management.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply
9 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

10 (1) "Integrated pest management" means a coordinated decision-
11 making and action process that uses the most appropriate pest control
12 methods and strategy in an environmentally and economically sound
13 manner to meet agency programmatic pest management objectives. The
14 elements of integrated pest management include:

- 15 (a) Preventing pest problems;
16 (b) Monitoring for the presence of pests and pest damage;
17 (c) Establishing the density of the pest population, that may be
18 set at zero, that can be tolerated or correlated with a damage level

1 sufficient to warrant treatment of the problem based on health, public
2 safety, economic, or aesthetic thresholds;

3 (d) Treating pest problems to reduce populations below those levels
4 established by damage thresholds using strategies that may include
5 biological, cultural, mechanical, and chemical control methods and that
6 must consider human health, ecological impact, feasibility, and cost-
7 effectiveness; and

8 (e) Evaluating the effects and efficacy of pest treatments.

9 (2) "Pest" means a vertebrate or invertebrate animal, pathogen,
10 parasitic plant, weed, or similar or allied organism that can cause
11 disease or damage to crops, trees, shrubs, grasses, or other plants,
12 humans, animals, or property.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Each of the following state agencies or
14 institutions shall implement integrated pest management practices when
15 carrying out the agency's or institution's duties related to pest
16 control:

17 (1) The department of agriculture;

18 (2) The state noxious weed control board;

19 (3) The department of ecology;

20 (4) The department of fish and wildlife;

21 (5) The department of transportation;

22 (6) The parks and recreation commission;

23 (7) The department of natural resources;

24 (8) The department of corrections;

25 (9) The department of general administration; and

26 (10) Each state institution of higher education, for the
27 institution's own building and grounds maintenance.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) A state agency or institution listed in
29 section 3 of this act shall provide integrated pest management training
30 for employees responsible for pest management. The training programs
31 shall be developed in cooperation with the interagency integrated pest
32 management coordinating committee created under section 5 of this act.

33 (2) A state agency or institution listed in section 3 of this act
34 shall designate an integrated pest management coordinator and the
35 department of labor and industries and the office of the superintendent
36 of public instruction shall each designate one representative to serve
37 on the committee established in section 5 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The interagency integrated pest
2 management coordinating committee is created. The committee is
3 composed of the integrated pest management coordinator from each agency
4 or institution listed under section 3 of this act and the
5 representatives designated under section 4 of this act. The
6 coordinator from the department of agriculture shall serve as chair of
7 the committee.

8 (2) The interagency integrated pest management coordinating
9 committee shall advise the state agencies and institutions and
10 facilitate interagency coordination. The committee shall review each
11 state agency's or institution's integrated pest management program and
12 provide comments on the adherence of the program to integrated pest
13 management as defined in section 2 of this act.

14 (3) The interagency integrated pest management coordinating
15 committee shall meet at least two times a year. All meetings of the
16 committee must be open to the public. The committee shall give public
17 notice of each meeting.

18 (4) By November 30th of each odd-numbered year, the department of
19 agriculture, with the advice of the interagency integrated pest
20 management coordinating committee, shall report on the progress of
21 integrated pest management programs, with comments on their adherence
22 to integrated pest management as defined in section 2 of this act, to
23 the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of
24 representatives, and the appropriate legislative committees.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act constitute
26 a new chapter in Title 17 RCW.

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