
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5077

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By Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment (originally sponsored by Senators Morton, Rasmussen, Newhouse and Loveland)

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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 that all state agencies that have
6 pest control responsibilities follow the principles of integrated pest
7 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, but is not limited to, any insect, rodent,
10 nematode, snail, slug, weed, and any form of plant or animal life or
11 virus, except virus, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in a
12 living person or other animal or in or on processed food or beverages
13 or pharmaceuticals, which is normally considered to be a pest, or which
14 the director of the department of agriculture may declare to be a pest.

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

- 19 (1) The department of agriculture;
- 20 (2) The state noxious weed control board;
- 21 (3) The department of ecology;
- 22 (4) The department of fish and wildlife;
- 23 (5) The department of transportation;
- 24 (6) The parks and recreation commission;
- 25 (7) The department of natural resources;
- 26 (8) The department of corrections;
- 27 (9) The department of general administration; and
- 28 (10) Each state institution of higher education, for the
29 institution's own building and grounds maintenance.

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

35 (2) A state agency or institution listed in section 3 of this act
36 shall designate an integrated pest management coordinator. Each
37 agency's coordinator and a representative from the department of labor

1 and industries and the office of the superintendent of public
2 instruction shall serve on the committee established in section 5 of
3 this act.

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

10 (2) The interagency integrated pest management coordinating
11 committee shall share information among the state agencies and
12 institutions and facilitate interagency coordination.

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

17 (4) By November 30th of each odd-numbered year, the department of
18 agriculture, with the advice of the interagency integrated pest
19 management coordinating committee, shall report on the progress of
20 agency integrated pest management programs, to the president of the
21 senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
22 appropriate legislative committees.

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

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