
SENATE BILL 5077

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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 pest management objectives. The elements of
14 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.** By one year after the effective date of this
14 section, each of the following state agencies or institutions shall
15 implement integrated pest management practices when carrying out the
16 agency's or institution's duties related to pest 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. The
35 integrated pest management coordinator shall:

36 (a) Manage the integrated pest management program of the agency or
37 institution; and

1 (b) Report at least annually to the interagency integrated pest
2 management coordinating committee about the implementation of the
3 agency or institution program. The report must:

4 (i) Identify pest problems within the purview or potential purview
5 of the program that have occurred during the previous twelve months;

6 (ii) Describe the integrated pest management program implemented to
7 address the problems;

8 (iii) Address the effectiveness of the integrated pest management
9 program used in dealing with each problem and any significant impacts
10 that may have occurred through action or lack of action by the agency
11 or institution involved; and

12 (iv) Identify additional pests that are anticipated to become a
13 problem during the next year and describe the integrated pest
14 management program to be considered in response to the problem.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The interagency integrated pest
16 management coordinating committee is created. The committee is
17 composed of the integrated pest management coordinator from each agency
18 or institution listed under section 3 of this act. The coordinator
19 from the department of agriculture shall serve as chair of the
20 committee.

21 (2) The interagency integrated pest management coordinating
22 committee shall advise the state agencies and institutions and
23 facilitate interagency coordination. The committee shall review each
24 state agency's or institution's integrated pest management program and
25 provide comments on the adherence of the program to integrated pest
26 management as defined in section 2 of this act.

27 (3) The interagency integrated pest management coordinating
28 committee shall meet four times a year. All meetings of the committee
29 must be open to the public. The committee shall give public notice of
30 each meeting.

31 (4) By September 30th of each odd-numbered year, the department of
32 agriculture, with the advice of the interagency integrated pest
33 management coordinating committee, shall report on the integrated pest
34 management programs, with comments on their adherence to integrated
35 pest management as defined in section 2 of this act, to the president
36 of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
37 appropriate legislative committees.

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

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