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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Koster, Chandler, Honeyford and Linville)

Brief Title: Regulating dairy nutrients management.

**HB 2915-S - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares an intent of this act to establish an inspection and technical assistance program for dairy farms to address the discharge of pollutants to surface and ground waters of the state that will lead to water quality compliance by the industry.

Creates a balanced program involving technical assistance, regulation, and enforcement with coordination and oversight of the program by a committee composed of industry, agency, and other representatives.

Requires every dairy producer licensed under chapter 15.36 RCW to register with the department by September 1, 1998, and shall reregister with the department by September 1st of every even-numbered year.

Requires that, prior to October 1, 1998, the department and conservation commission shall jointly sponsor and hold an educational workshop for conservation districts from around the state.

Requires that, by October 1, 1998, the department shall initiate an inspection program of all dairy farms in the state.

Requires all dairy producers licensed under chapter 15.36 RCW to prepare a dairy nutrient management plan. Such plans shall be prepared and fully implemented by December 1, 2000.

Establishes a dairy nutrient management program advisory and oversight committee.

Establishes penalties for violations of the act.

Repeals RCW 90.64.090.