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Sponsor(s): Senators Swecker, Newhouse, Rasmussen and Anderson

Brief Description: Creating a dairy nutrient management program.

SB 6161 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent to establish a credible registration and inspection program for dairy animal feeding operations to address the excessive discharge of nutrients or pollutants to waters of the state and lead to compliance by the industry with water quality laws. Furthermore, it is the objective of this act to maintain the administration of the water quality program as it relates to dairy operations at the state level.

Declares an intent to create a balanced program involving technical assistance, regulation, and enforcement with coordination and oversight of the program by an advisory committee composed of agency, industry, and other representatives. Additionally, the legislature intends to clarify the current coordination procedures and responsibilities between the department, the conservation commission, and conservation districts.

Repeals RCW 90.64.005 and 90.64.090.