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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that workers engaged
8 in the handling, transportation, treatment, and disposal of biomedical
9 waste may be exposed to elevated risks of contracting diseases from
10 pathogens conveyed by air or water. These risks may be reduced by
11 application of occupational health standards for airborne pathogens and
12 waterborne pathogens that are comparable to those developed to protect
13 workers from bloodborne pathogens.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of labor and industries
15 shall review available data, studies, hazard analyses, and other
16 information regarding the potential for employee exposure to airborne
17 or waterborne biological hazards in the handling, transport, treatment,
18 and disposal of biomedical waste. Based on this review, the department
19 shall make recommendations for appropriate action under the
20 department's existing authority to protect workers and develop a plan
21 for implementing the recommendations. The department shall report to
22 the legislature its findings, recommendations, and implementation plan
23 and recommendations for action by the legislature no later than
24 December 1, 1999.

25 (2) This section expires December 31, 1999."

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29 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "RCW;" strike the remainder
30 of the title and insert "creating new sections; and providing an
31 expiration date."

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