
HOUSE BILL 2741

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By Representatives Campbell, Cooper, Dickerson and Bush

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1 AN ACT Relating to pesticide tracking; adding new sections to
2 chapter 17.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 75.46 RCW; creating
3 a new section; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that pesticide
6 tracking is crucial for the protection of public health, water quality,
7 and species listed as threatened or endangered in Washington. The
8 legislature further finds that the creation of a central depository for
9 information on pesticide spraying allows people to obtain information
10 with a single contact regarding what pesticide was used, where it was
11 used, and under what conditions it was used. This information will be
12 valuable in conducting detailed studies of human exposure to
13 pesticides, environmental monitoring, and in developing recovery
14 strategies for salmon and other fish species in the state. It is the
15 intent of the legislature to develop a user-friendly data system on
16 pesticide use with the assistance of stakeholder groups that is cost-
17 effective and provides reliable information.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department shall establish and implement
2 a pesticide use reporting system in accordance with the requirements of
3 this act by January 1, 2002. The system shall allow pesticide use data
4 to be accessed on a watershed basis for each watershed resource
5 inventory area established in chapter 173-500 WAC as it existed on
6 January 1, 2000. Any data and reports generated from the data shall
7 be accessible on an internet site maintained by the department, and
8 shall also be readily accessible from the department. Pesticide use
9 information maintained under RCW 17.21.100(1) shall be included as part
10 of the reporting system.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The department shall conduct a review of
12 any issues that must be resolved in order to establish a valid, user-
13 friendly, cost-effective pesticide use reporting system in Washington.
14 The department shall appoint an advisory work group representing
15 affected interest groups, including the general public, to assist in
16 conducting the review. The work group shall include a balanced
17 representation from all areas of the state. The review shall be
18 completed and copies transmitted to the appropriate legislative
19 committees by January 1, 2001. The review shall consider and include
20 recommendations on at least the following:

21 (a) Specific data to be gathered in addition to information that is
22 required under RCW 17.21.100(1);

23 (b) Reporting frequency and data formats, including major
24 categories of pesticide use;

25 (c) Integration with other existing state, local, or federal data
26 bases;

27 (d) The most appropriate hydrologic or geographic unit for
28 compiling data based on cost and usability of the data;

29 (e) The correlation between the point of purchase of a pesticide
30 product and the ultimate location of the use of that pesticide;

31 (f) Practical methods for obtaining homeowner pesticide use data;

32 (g) The development of a mechanism to ensure the accuracy of the
33 data base; and

34 (h) Specific funding sources to support the operation of the state-
35 wide pesticide use reporting system.

36 (2) The department shall provide necessary administrative support
37 to the work group. All meetings of the work group shall be open to the

1 general public, and shall include an opportunity to receive testimony
2 from members of the general public.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Beginning on July 1, 2003, the
4 department shall publish an annual report summarizing pesticide use in
5 Washington on a watershed basis. The report shall include an analysis
6 of trends in use, and an assessment of the accuracy of the reporting
7 data.

8 (2) The department shall adopt rules relating to the release of
9 pesticide use information. The rules shall ensure that the identity of
10 the owner or lessee of a specific property where a pesticide has been
11 applied remains confidential, except where the release of the
12 information is otherwise authorized by law.

13 (3) The department shall adopt rules regarding the transmittal of
14 information required under RCW 17.21.100(1), and any additional
15 information required, for inclusion into the pesticide use data base.
16 The department shall adopt rules imposing civil penalties for failure
17 to transmit information as required by this subsection.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 75.46 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 The independent science panel shall review available scientific
21 literature on the impact of pesticides, as defined in RCW 17.21.020, on
22 salmon. The independent science panel shall develop recommendations
23 for how in-stream monitoring practices can be developed for pesticides,
24 as well as how pesticides can be addressed in salmon recovery plans.
25 These recommendations shall be forwarded to the salmon recovery office
26 and the appropriate legislative committees by July 1, 2001. In
27 reviewing the impact of pesticides upon salmon, the independent science
28 panel shall consider, among other factors, how pesticides can affect
29 swimming ability, schooling behavior, and migration patterns of salmon.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act are each
31 added to chapter 17.21 RCW.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act is necessary for the immediate
33 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
2 immediately.

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