
SENATE BILL 6319

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By Senators Rasmussen, Morton, Stevens and Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to dairy nutrients; and amending RCW 90.64.005 and
2 90.64.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.64.005 and 1998 c 262 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The legislature finds that there is a need to establish a clear and
7 understandable process that provides for the proper and effective
8 management of dairy nutrients that affect the quality of surface or
9 ground waters in the state of Washington. The legislature finds that
10 there is a need for a program that will provide a stable and
11 predictable business climate upon which dairy farms may base future
12 investment decisions.

13 The legislature finds that federal regulations require a permit
14 program for dairies with over seven hundred head of mature cows and,
15 other specified dairy farms that directly discharge into waters or are
16 otherwise significant contributors of pollution. The legislature finds
17 that significant work has been ongoing over a period of time and that
18 the intent of this chapter is to take the consensus that has been
19 developed and place it into statutory form.

1 It is also the intent of this chapter to establish an inspection
2 and technical assistance program for dairy farms to address the
3 discharge of pollution to surface and ground waters of the state that
4 will lead to water quality compliance by the industry. A further
5 purpose is to create a balanced program involving technical assistance,
6 regulation, and enforcement (~~((with coordination and oversight of the
7 program by a committee composed of industry, agency, and other
8 representatives))~~). Furthermore, it is the objective of this chapter to
9 maintain the administration of the water quality program as it relates
10 to dairy operations at the state level.

11 It is also the intent of this chapter to recognize the existing
12 working relationships between conservation districts, the conservation
13 commission, and the department of ecology in protecting water quality
14 of the state. A further purpose of this chapter is to provide
15 statutory recognition of the coordination of the functions of
16 conservation districts, the conservation commission, and the department
17 of ecology pertaining to development of dairy ~~((waste))~~ nutrient
18 management plans for the protection of water quality.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 90.64.150 and 1998 c 262 s 15 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 The dairy ~~((waste))~~ nutrient management account is created in the
22 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from monetary penalties
23 levied pursuant to violations of this chapter must be deposited into
24 the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the
25 commission to provide grants to local conservation districts for the
26 sole purpose of assisting dairy producers to develop and fully
27 implement dairy nutrient management plans. Only the ~~((chairman))~~ chair
28 of the commission or the ~~((chairman's))~~ chair's designee may authorize
29 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment
30 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not
31 required for expenditures.

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