

HB 2545 - H AMD

By Representative Condotta

1 On page 2, line 23, after "(ii)" strike all material through
2 "infestations." on line 28 and insert "Outdoor burning of
3 cultivated orchard trees, whether or not agricultural crops will be
4 replanted on the land, shall be allowed as an ongoing agricultural
5 activity under this section if a local horticultural pest and
6 disease board formed under chapter 15.09 RCW, an extension office
7 agent with Washington State University that has horticultural
8 experience, or an entomologist employed by the department of
9 agriculture, has determined in writing that burning is an
10 appropriate method to prevent or control the spread of
11 horticultural pests or diseases."

EFFECT: States that cultivated orchard trees may only be burned as part of an ongoing agricultural activity if either the Department of Agriculture, a Washington State University extension agent, or a local horticulture pest and disease board determines that burning is an appropriate method for controlling or preventing the spread of pests or diseases.