
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5890

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Agriculture (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Rasmussen and Parlette)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a pilot project by the department of labor and
2 industries to determine the feasibility and benefits for medical
3 monitoring of agricultural workers; creating new sections; and
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that: The state's
7 highly productive and efficient agriculture sector is composed
8 predominately of family owned and managed farms and an industrious and
9 efficient work force; the supreme court has directed the department of
10 labor and industries to initiate rule making regarding monitoring of
11 agriculture workers who are exposed to certain pesticides. It is the
12 intent of this act that the safety and health of workers be protected,
13 and that this can best be accomplished through a pilot project to
14 determine whether mandatory medical monitoring is effective and
15 beneficial to workers who mix, load, or apply cholinesterase inhibiting
16 pesticides, and whether mandatory medical monitoring is feasible
17 considering all of the technical requirements of such a regulation.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of labor and industries
2 shall initiate a pilot project, in accordance with RCW 34.05.313, to
3 determine whether mandatory medical monitoring for class one and class
4 two organophosphate and carbamate pesticides is practical and effective
5 to promote worker safety. The pilot project shall be completed by
6 December 31, 2005.

7 (2) In accordance with RCW 34.05.350, the department of labor and
8 industries may adopt emergency rules necessary to protect the health
9 and safety of farmworkers.

10 (3) Funding for this pilot project will be obtained from the
11 current allocation to the occupational and environmental research
12 facility as designated in RCW 51.16.042.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
16 immediately.

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