SSB 5602 - H COMM AMD
     By Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade

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1   Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2   following:

3   "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a livestock
4   nutrient management program is essential to protecting the quality of
5   the waters of the state and ensuring a healthy and productive livestock
6   industry. The legislature intends to shift the program for regulating
7   water quality for confined animal feeding operations from the
8   department of ecology to the department of agriculture. The department
9   of agriculture shall establish and administer a fully functioning state
10   program for concentrated animal feeding operations in the state and
11   this program will be a single program for all livestock sectors. The
12   department of agriculture shall have the authority to (1) carry out
13   inspections to identify, control, and prevent the pollution of surface
14   and underground waters of the state resulting from activities of
15   dairies and concentrated animal feeding operations; (2) provide
16   technical, financial, and educational assistance necessary to gain
17   compliance to protect water quality; (3) with the assistance of the
18   attorney general, bring any appropriate action at law or in equity to
19   ensure compliance with all state and federal water pollution control
20   laws for those dairies and concentrated animal feeding operations under
21   permit; (4) adopt such rules as it deems necessary to administer the
22   CAFO program, as well as rules to accommodate changes to federal
23   regulations that are subsequently adopted by the United States
24   environmental protection agency; and (5) administer the national
25   pollutant discharge elimination system permit program for those dairy
26   and concentrated animal feeding operations required to comply with
27   national pollutant discharge elimination system standards under the
28   federal clean water act, after receiving delegated authority by the

1   environmental protection agency."

2   Correct the title.

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