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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Moeller, Lovick, Clibborn, Roberts, B. Sullivan, Murray, Morrell, Ericks, Campbell, Chase and Santos)

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1 AN ACT Relating to environmental lead paint hazards; adding new
2 sections to chapter 70.103 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a significant
5 cause of lead poisoning in children may be the ingestion of lead
6 particles from deteriorating lead-based paint in older, poorly
7 maintained residences or from lead particles in the soil. The
8 legislature finds that the health and development of these children
9 could be endangered by chipping or peeling lead-based paint, excessive
10 amounts of lead-contaminated dust in poorly maintained homes, and lead
11 in soil of the residential property where they play. The legislature
12 therefore finds that it is in the public interest to assess the risks
13 to children's health caused by exposure to lead in paint and educate
14 residential property owners about the potential dangers to children
15 from exposure to lead in paint.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.103 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 The department and the department of health shall jointly assess

1 housing stock in Washington state to identify areas of potentially high
2 risk for child lead exposure. In assessing the housing stock, the
3 department and the department of health may use existing data and
4 targeted testing for child lead exposure. Testing of buildings and
5 land for the purpose of identifying the presence of lead shall be
6 limited to areas inside a residential dwelling, as well as yard areas
7 immediately surrounding the dwelling where children play. Commercial
8 and industrial buildings and properties shall not be tested through the
9 housing stock assessment program. The department and the department of
10 health shall report their findings to the appropriate committees of the
11 legislature by December 31, 2005.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.103 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 The department, in conjunction with the department of health and
15 the department of ecology, shall establish a lead paint hazard
16 education and awareness strategy to notify owners of affected
17 residential properties and tenants about the risks of exposure from
18 lead paint.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
20 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
21 June 30, 2005, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
22 void.

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