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

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 where they play. The legislature therefore finds that it is in
12 the public interest to assess the risks to children's health caused by
13 exposure to lead in paint and educate property owners about the
14 potential dangers to children from exposure to lead in paint.

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

17 The department and the department of health shall jointly assess
18 housing stock in Washington state to identify areas of potentially high

1 risk for child lead exposure. In assessing the housing stock, the
2 department and the department of health may use existing data and
3 targeted testing for child lead exposure. The department and the
4 department of health shall report their findings to the appropriate
5 committees of the legislature by December 31, 2005.

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

8 The department, in conjunction with the department of health and
9 the department of ecology, shall establish a lead paint hazard
10 education and awareness strategy to notify owners of affected property
11 and tenants about the risks of exposure from lead paint.

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