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1 AN ACT Relating to integrated pest management; amending RCW  
2 17.15.010 and 17.15.030; and adding a new section to chapter 17.15 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 17.15.010 and 1997 c 357 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

8 (1) "Integrated pest management" means a coordinated decision-  
9 making and action process that uses the most appropriate pest control  
10 ~~((methods and strategy in an environmentally and economically sound  
11 manner to meet agency programmatic pest management objectives))~~ science  
12 and methods to produce long-term prevention or suppression of pest  
13 problems in a cost-effective manner with minimum impact on human  
14 health, the environment, and nontarget organisms, in order to avoid  
15 unacceptable damage to agency programs and property and to the health  
16 and welfare of the citizens of the state. The elements of integrated  
17 pest management include:

18 (a) Preventing pest problems through sanitation, habitat  
19 modification, cultural techniques, and other methods;

1 (b) Monitoring for the presence of pests and pest damage;

2 (c) Establishing the density of the pest population, that may be  
3 set at zero, that can be tolerated or correlated with a damage level  
4 sufficient to warrant treatment of the problem based on health, public  
5 safety, economic, or aesthetic thresholds;

6 (d) Treating pest problems to reduce populations below those levels  
7 established by damage thresholds (~~using strategies that may include~~  
8 ~~biological, cultural, mechanical, and chemical control methods and that~~  
9 ~~must consider human health, ecological impact, feasibility, and cost-~~  
10 ~~effectiveness~~) with physical, mechanical, cultural, biological,  
11 chemical, and educational methods to keep pest organisms numbers low  
12 enough to prevent unacceptable damage. Chemicals and all other pest  
13 suppression methods used within the framework of integrated pest  
14 management must be carefully evaluated for their health, environmental,  
15 and economic consequences, and for their effectiveness and reliability;

16 and

17 (e) Evaluating the effects and efficacy of pest treatments.

18 (2) "Pest" means, but is not limited to, any insect, rodent,  
19 nematode, snail, slug, weed, and any form of plant or animal life or  
20 virus, except virus, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in a  
21 living person or other animal or in or on processed food or beverages  
22 or pharmaceuticals, which is normally considered to be a pest, or which  
23 the director of the department of agriculture may declare to be a pest.

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 17.15.030 and 1997 c 357 s 4 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 (1) A state agency or institution listed in RCW 17.15.020 shall  
27 provide integrated pest management training for employees responsible  
28 for pest management. The training programs shall be developed in  
29 cooperation with the interagency integrated pest management  
30 coordinating committee created under RCW 17.15.040.

31 (2) A state agency or institution listed in RCW 17.15.020 shall  
32 designate an integrated pest management coordinator and the department  
33 of labor and industries and the office of the superintendent of public  
34 instruction shall each designate one representative to serve on the  
35 committee established in RCW 17.15.040.

36 (3) The integrated pest management coordinator shall:

1 (a) Manage the integrated pest management program of the agency or  
2 institution; and

3 (b) Report periodically to the interagency integrated pest  
4 management coordinating committee about the implementation of the  
5 agency or institution program. The report must:

6 (i) Identify pest problems within the purview or potential purview  
7 of the program that have occurred since the last report from that  
8 agency or institution;

9 (ii) Describe the integrated pest management program implemented to  
10 address the problems;

11 (iii) Address the effectiveness of the integrated pest management  
12 program used in dealing with each problem and any significant impacts  
13 that may have occurred through action or lack of action by the agency  
14 or institution involved; and

15 (iv) Identify additional pests that are anticipated to become a  
16 problem and describe the integrated pest management program to be  
17 considered in response to the problem.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 17.15 RCW  
19 to read as follows:

20 When a state agency or institution named in RCW 17.15.020 conducts  
21 or provides for conducting the application of pesticides to the  
22 buildings, grounds, or lands under the agency's management, the agency  
23 or institution shall ensure that prior to the application a marker is  
24 placed at the usual points of entry by employees and the public to the  
25 property. If the application is made to an isolated area that is not  
26 a substantial portion of the property, the applicator is required to  
27 place a marker only at the application site. The marker must be a  
28 minimum of four inches by five inches. It must have the words: "THIS  
29 AREA HAS BEEN TREATED BY" as the headline, the name of the pesticide  
30 applied in the body of the text, and "FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL"  
31 as the footer. Larger size requirements for markers may be established  
32 by the department of agriculture by rule for specific applications.  
33 The agency or institution shall ensure that the marker remains in place  
34 for such period as is recommended on the pesticide label for that type  
35 of application or, if not specified on the label, for a period

1 sufficient to minimize any risks of exposure to sensitive individuals.

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