

**SB 6375-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the director of agriculture to convene an advisory committee composed of representatives from the various segments of the cattle industry that will be involved in the implementation of the state's component of the national animal identification program for animal health and disease trace-back purposes.

Requires the advisory committee to evaluate the requirements of the federal program and examine approaches being taken by other states to implement the requirements, with an emphasis on neighboring states and the states that engage in the largest amount of trade in cattle with Washington, and evaluate demonstration projects that the department shall conduct at two or more facilities that handle large numbers of animals. The advisory committee shall make a recommendation on how the federal requirements should be implemented in Washington that includes recommended funding amounts and sources. In developing a funding proposal, the advisory committee shall consult with the office of financial management.

Directs the department to submit a written report of the activities and recommendations of the advisory committee to the house of representatives and to the senate by December 1, 2006.