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1 AN ACT Relating to monitoring pesticide drift and its impacts on
2 environmental health; adding a new section to chapter 70.104 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.104 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that discussion of public policies,
8 enforcement activities, and educational programs related to pesticides
9 should be based on sound science and must include data on the types and
10 concentrations of pesticides in the air. The legislature also finds
11 that workers, business owners, and other people have the right to know
12 about pesticides in the air with which they and their children may come
13 in contact. The legislature therefore directs that a pilot air
14 monitoring project be initiated that supports the collection of
15 pesticide drift data for use in evaluating the human health
16 implications to workers and the public from pesticide drift.

17 (2) The department shall, in cooperation with state agencies,
18 Washington State University, and the University of Washington design
19 and implement a scientific-based pilot project to monitor and collect

1 data on the concentrations of pesticides in the air in agricultural
2 areas of the state resulting from pesticide drift. The department
3 shall:

- 4 (a) Design the air monitoring project;
- 5 (b) Implement sample collection and analysis;
- 6 (c) Analyze the resulting data with respect to risks to human
7 health;
- 8 (d) Make monitoring results accessible to the public; and
- 9 (e) Report the results of the monitoring to policymakers and the
10 public in conjunction with the annual pesticide incident reporting and
11 tracking (PIRT) report and through other forums.

12 (3) The department shall consult with and is authorized to
13 negotiate interagency agreements as appropriate with the department of
14 ecology, the department of agriculture, the University of Washington,
15 and Washington State University to assist in carrying out the project.

16 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
17 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- 18 (a) "Department" means the department of health.
- 19 (b) "Pesticide drift" means off target migration of pesticides,
20 during or after applications, including migration that occurs through
21 volatilization and through winds transporting dust contaminated with
22 pesticides.

23 (5) The department shall submit a report to the appropriate
24 committees of the legislature by April 1, 2009, including a summary of
25 the air monitoring project findings and recommendations for public
26 policies and program activities to protect human health from pesticide
27 drift.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
29 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
30 June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
31 void.

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