

**ESHB 1087 - S AMD TO S COMM AMD (S2838.3) 371**

By Senators Schoesler, Hatfield, Rockefeller

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1 On page 97, after line 2, insert

2 **"New Section. Sec. 312. For the Department of Agriculture, the**  
3 **Department of Ecology, and the State Conservation Commission**

4 (1) The directors of the department of agriculture, the department  
5 of ecology, and the conservation commission shall coordinate a process  
6 to examine the issue of achieving the state's water quality objectives  
7 relating to livestock operations. The directors shall determine what  
8 personnel are assigned to this activity and may provide oversight to  
9 the process. In implementing this process, the directors shall involve  
10 representatives of involved agencies, stakeholders, and tribes. The  
11 topics to be considered include:

12 (a) The appropriate background and training for personnel that  
13 conduct inspections of and provide technical assistance to livestock  
14 operators and whether personnel need to be specifically trained and  
15 assigned to serve this function;

16 (b) The roles and relationships between technical assistance,  
17 inspection, and enforcement, and the concept of customer service;

18 (c) The use, availability, and limitations of DNA testing as a  
19 water quality diagnosis tool and the recommendation of water quality  
20 testing protocols needed for livestock operations investigations;

21 (d) The availability and constraints of state and federal programs  
22 for planning, installation, maintenance of conservation and pollution  
23 control practices, and review of alternative practices;

24 (e) The extent of known water quality problems relating to  
25 livestock operations;

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1 (f) Best methods to achieve state water quality objectives in the  
2 context of a system that includes both regulatory and incentive-based  
3 approaches;

4 (g) A review of considerations used to determine water quality  
5 standards, including those applicable to the shellfish industry; and

6 (h) The availability of state and federal funding and whether it  
7 is being appropriately allocated.

8 (2) The directors identified in subsection (1) of this section  
9 shall develop recommendations for the administration and improvement  
10 of the program, including recommendations on the use of DNA  
11 technology. The directors shall provide a written summary of the  
12 activities and recommendations to the legislature and the governor by  
13 December 1, 2011.

14 (3) The activities under this section must be completed to the  
15 extent feasible from within existing fiscal resources available to the  
16 involved state agencies.

17 (4) This section expires December 31, 2011."  
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EFFECT: Requires the department of agriculture, the state  
conservation commission and the department of ecology to collaborate  
for a process and report about water quality activities as they  
related to livestock operations. The report shall be provided to the  
Legislature by December 31, 2011.

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