

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5324

As of February 7, 2013

Title: An act relating to mosquito abatement in storm water control retention ponds.

Brief Description: Concerning mosquito abatement in storm water control retention ponds.

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford, Fraser and Ericksen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Energy, Environment & Telecommunications: 2/05/13.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Staff: Jan Odano (786-7486)

Background: Cities, towns, counties, and water-sewer districts construct stormwater control facilities to control storm, flood, or surplus waters to protect public health, highways, property, and other facilities. To mitigate the impact of the volume of stormwater from impervious surfaces and reduce pollutants from entering water bodies downstream, stormwater facilities may be constructed with retention ponds. Retention ponds manage stormwater runoff by reducing flows and by allowing pollution to settle and be taken up through biological activity. These ponds may have water throughout the year or at least during the wet season.

Integrated pest management (IPM) is used to manage pests by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. It relies on information about the life-cycles of pests, their interaction with the environment, and using available pest control methods.

Summary of Bill: Cities, counties, towns, water-sewer districts, and flood control zone districts must use IPM mosquito control abatement methods in their stormwater retention ponds.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: OTHER: Perhaps the control of mosquitoes should be conditioned in areas where West Nile Virus exists. IMP is not defined.

Persons Testifying: OTHER: Carl Schroeder, Assn. of WA Cities.