
HOUSE BILL 2625

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By Representatives Haigh, Buys, and Blake

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1 AN ACT Relating to the development of a proposed policy option for
2 achieving the goal of electronically reporting intrastate transfers of
3 ownership of livestock as a means to increase participation in the
4 animal disease traceability program; creating a new section; and
5 providing an expiration date.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The director of the department of
8 agriculture must develop a proposed policy option or options for
9 achieving the goal of electronically reporting intrastate transfers of
10 ownership of livestock by producers as a means to increase
11 participation in the animal disease traceability program.

12 (2) The director of the department of agriculture must fulfill the
13 requirements of subsection (1) of this section in coordination with the
14 full range of stakeholders subject to brand inspections. At a minimum,
15 this must include soliciting participation from equine, bovine, and
16 other industry associations.

17 (3) The director of the department of agriculture, together with
18 invited stakeholders, must propose a system of animal disease
19 traceability that contains the following elements:

1 (a) Electronic transfer of data that individually identifies
2 animals;

3 (b) An outreach program to encourage participation in reporting;

4 (c) Random and report-driven inspections to ensure compliance; and

5 (d) Penalties for failure to report transfer of ownership.

6 (4) The electronic reporting system proposal developed under this
7 section must be a voluntary alternative to the use of traditional brand
8 inspections and may not preclude the use of the traditional brand
9 inspection as it currently exists.

10 (5) By November 1, 2014, the director of the department of
11 agriculture must issue a report to the legislature consistent with RCW
12 43.01.036 that contains implementation plans, recommendations, and any
13 necessary legislation related to the proposal required to be developed
14 under this section.

15 (6) This section expires June 30, 2015.

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