

2SSB 6529 - S AMD 508
By Senator Warnick

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1 On page 1, after line 3, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that farmers,
3 farmworkers, and the broader community share an interest in
4 minimizing human exposure to pesticide.

5 (2) The legislature recognizes that huge gains in minimizing
6 human exposure have been made by the agricultural industry through a
7 combination of scientific advancements, ongoing education and
8 training, usage of safety equipment, improved technologies, and
9 proper monitoring and regulation. In 2014, the legislature created a
10 temporary farm work group that included representatives of both
11 growers and workers. The 2014 farm work group jointly identified
12 administrative recommendations to minimize public health issues posed
13 by pesticide drift. The 2014 farm work group recognized that
14 following necessary operating procedures and best management
15 practices, thorough operator training, and good communication
16 prevents or greatly reduces pesticide drift exposure. Through such
17 collaborative efforts, the state has had significant gains in
18 decreasing pesticide exposure on farms.

19 (3) The legislature finds that collaboration between state
20 agencies and the farming community can assist in further minimizing
21 exposure of agricultural workers to pesticide drift."

22 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any
23 internal references accordingly.

24 On page 1, line 6, after "applications." insert "The work group
25 shall:

26 (a) Review existing state and federal laws regulating pesticides
27 and their application;

28 (b) Arrange for a presentation on new pesticide application
29 technology; and

30 (c) Review the reports of the former pesticide incident reporting
31 and tracking review panel created under RCW 70.104.080 (repealed)."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "and" strike the remainder
2 of the title and insert "creating new sections."

EFFECT: Makes legislative findings. Requires the work group to review existing state and federal laws, arrange for a presentation on new pesticide application technology, and review the reports of the former pesticide incident reporting and tracking review panel.

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