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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2338**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Schoesler, Grant, Sheahan, McMorris, Mastin, Fuhrman, Chandler, Honeyford and Thompson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to anhydrous ammonia; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 70.94 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) Anhydrous ammonia is the most important nutrient material used  
6 for the production of wheat and barley crops in Washington state;

7 (2) The federal environmental protection agency regulates one  
8 hundred eighty-nine toxic air pollutants;

9 (3) Ammonia is not federally regulated as a toxic air pollutant;

10 (4) Ammonia is regulated at the state and federal level through  
11 rules established to protect workers from unhealthful levels of  
12 exposure to ammonia; and

13 (5) The department of ecology regulates ammonia as a toxic air  
14 pollutant and uses a threshold that is three hundred times more  
15 stringent than the standard used to protect workers.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.94 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

1       The department shall not regulate ammonia emissions resulting from  
2 the storage, distribution, transport, or application of ammonia for use  
3 as an agricultural or silvicultural fertilizer.

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