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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Schoesler, Linville, Chandler, Grant, Mastin, Parlette, Buck, Sheahan, Thompson and Anderson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to integrated pest management; adding a new chapter  
2 to Title 17 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 declares that it is the  
5 policy of the state of Washington to require all state agencies that  
6 have pest control responsibilities to follow the principles of  
7 integrated pest management.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply  
9 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

10 (1) "Integrated pest management" means a coordinated decision-  
11 making and action process that uses the most appropriate pest control  
12 methods and strategy in an environmentally and economically sound  
13 manner to meet agency programmatic pest management objectives. The  
14 elements of integrated pest management include:

15 (a) Preventing pest problems;

16 (b) Monitoring for the presence of pests and pest damage;

17 (c) Establishing the density of the pest population, that may be  
18 set at zero, that can be tolerated or correlated with a damage level

1 sufficient to warrant treatment of the problem based on health, public  
2 safety, economic, or aesthetic thresholds;

3 (d) Treating pest problems to reduce populations below those levels  
4 established by damage thresholds using strategies that may include  
5 biological, cultural, mechanical, and chemical control methods and that  
6 must consider human health, ecological impact, feasibility, and cost-  
7 effectiveness; and

8 (e) Evaluating the effects and efficacy of pest treatments.

9 (2) "Pest" means, but is not limited to, any insect, rodent,  
10 nematode, snail, slug, weed, and any form of plant or animal life or  
11 virus, except virus, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in a  
12 living person or other animal or in or on processed food or beverages  
13 or pharmaceuticals, which is normally considered to be a pest, or which  
14 the director of the department of agriculture may declare to be a pest.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Each of the following state agencies or  
16 institutions shall implement integrated pest management practices when  
17 carrying out the agency's or institution's duties related to pest  
18 control:

- 19 (1) The department of agriculture;
- 20 (2) The state noxious weed control board;
- 21 (3) The department of ecology;
- 22 (4) The department of fish and wildlife;
- 23 (5) The department of transportation;
- 24 (6) The parks and recreation commission;
- 25 (7) The department of natural resources;
- 26 (8) The department of corrections;
- 27 (9) The department of general administration; and
- 28 (10) Each state institution of higher education, for the  
29 institution's own building and grounds maintenance.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) A state agency or institution listed in  
31 section 3 of this act shall provide integrated pest management training  
32 for employees responsible for pest management. The training programs  
33 shall be developed in cooperation with the interagency integrated pest  
34 management coordinating committee created under section 5 of this act.

35 (2) A state agency or institution listed in section 3 of this act  
36 shall designate an integrated pest management coordinator and the  
37 department of labor and industries and the office of the superintendent

1 of public instruction shall each designate one representative to serve  
2 on the committee established in section 5 of this act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The interagency integrated pest  
4 management coordinating committee is created. The committee is  
5 composed of the integrated pest management coordinator from each agency  
6 or institution listed under section 3 of this act and the  
7 representatives designated under section 4 of this act. The  
8 coordinator from the department of agriculture shall serve as chair of  
9 the committee.

10 (2) The interagency integrated pest management coordinating  
11 committee shall share information among the state agencies and  
12 institutions and facilitate interagency coordination.

13 (3) The interagency integrated pest management coordinating  
14 committee shall meet at least two times a year. All meetings of the  
15 committee must be open to the public. The committee shall give public  
16 notice of each meeting.

17 (4) By November 30th of each odd-numbered year up to and including  
18 November 30th, 2001, the department of agriculture, with the advice of  
19 the interagency integrated pest management coordinating committee,  
20 shall prepare a report on the progress of integrated pest management  
21 programs. The report is to be made available through the state library  
22 and placed on the legislative alert list.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
24 sections 3, 4, and 5 of this act, referencing this act by bill or  
25 chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 1997, in the omnibus  
26 appropriations act, sections 3, 4, and 5 of this act are null and void.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act constitute  
28 a new chapter in Title 17 RCW.

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