
SENATE BILL 5943

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1 AN ACT Relating to the pesticide incident reporting and tracking
2 review panel; and amending RCW 70.104.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.104.090 and 1991 c 3 s 364 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The responsibilities of the review panel shall include, but not be
7 limited to:

8 (1) Establishing guidelines for centralizing the receipt of
9 information relating to actual or alleged health and environmental
10 incidents involving pesticides;

11 (2) Reviewing and making recommendations for procedures for
12 investigation of pesticide incidents, which shall be implemented by the
13 appropriate agency unless a written statement providing the reasons for
14 not adopting the recommendations is provided to the review panel;

15 (3) Monitoring the time periods required for response to reports of
16 pesticide incidents by the departments of agriculture, health, and
17 labor and industries;

1 (4) At the request of the chair or any panel member, reviewing
2 pesticide incidents of unusual complexity or those that cannot be
3 resolved; and

4 ~~(5) ((Identifying inadequacies in state and/or federal law that
5 result in insufficient protection of public health and safety, with
6 specific attention to advising the appropriate agencies on the adequacy
7 of pesticide reentry intervals established by the federal environmental
8 protection agency and registered pesticide labels to protect the health
9 and safety of farmworkers. The panel shall establish a priority list
10 for reviewing reentry intervals, which considers the following
11 criteria:~~

12 ~~(a) Whether the pesticide is being widely used in labor-intensive
13 agriculture in Washington;~~

14 ~~(b) Whether another state has established a reentry interval for
15 the pesticide that is longer than the existing federal reentry
16 interval;~~

17 ~~(c) The toxicity category of the pesticide under federal law;~~

18 ~~(d) Whether the pesticide has been identified by a federal or state
19 agency or through a scientific review as presenting a risk of cancer,
20 birth defects, genetic damage, neurological effects, blood disorders,
21 sterility, menstrual dysfunction, organ damage, or other chronic or
22 subchronic effects; and~~

23 ~~(e) Whether reports or complaints of ill effects from the pesticide
24 have been filed following worker entry into fields to which the
25 pesticide has been applied; and~~

26 ~~(6))~~ Reviewing and approving an annual report prepared by the
27 department of health to the governor, agency heads, and members of the
28 legislature, with the same available to the public. The report shall
29 include, at a minimum:

30 (a) A summary of the year's activities;

31 (b) A synopsis of the cases reviewed;

32 (c) A separate descriptive listing of each case in which adverse
33 health or environmental effects due to pesticides were found to occur;

34 (d) A tabulation of the data from each case;

35 (e) An assessment of the effects of pesticide exposure in the
36 workplace;

37 (f) The identification of trends, issues, and needs; and

1 (g) Any recommendations for improved pesticide use practices.

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