
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1151

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By House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Pearson, Kretz, Dunshee, B. Sullivan, Kristiansen, Warnick and Haler)

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1 AN ACT Relating to animal identification programs; creating a new
2 section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The director of the department of
5 agriculture shall convene a livestock identification advisory
6 committee.

7 (2)(a) In organizing and making appointments to the livestock
8 identification advisory committee, the director shall consult with the
9 broad range of stakeholders who may be impacted by implementation of a
10 mandatory or voluntary national or state animal identification system,
11 or components thereof.

12 (b) The director shall appoint to the advisory committee one or
13 more members from each of the following livestock-related stakeholder
14 groups: (i) The commercial livestock industry, including cattle
15 feeders and producers of beef and dairy cattle, horses, sheep, poultry,
16 and swine; (ii) noncommercial livestock owners, including those who
17 raise animals as a hobby or as a source of supplemental income, barter,
18 food for the family, or recreation; (iii) educational and recreational
19 organizations such as horse-riding associations, community fairs, and

1 youth groups; (iv) concerned citizens who have a stake in the issue;
2 and (v) additional members as the director deems necessary. The
3 director shall invite one member from an Indian tribe to join the
4 advisory committee.

5 (c) The advisory committee shall be convened by the director of the
6 department of agriculture by July 1, 2007, chaired by the director or
7 the director's designee, and staffed by the department.

8 (3) In conjunction with the department, the advisory committee
9 shall:

10 (a) Review the recommendations made by the cattle identification
11 advisory committee for implementation of a voluntary national animal
12 identification system in Washington state; and

13 (b) Assess the impacts of such a system, whether federal or state
14 only, on the commercial livestock industry, noncommercial livestock
15 owners, livestock-related educational and recreational organizations,
16 concerned citizens, and Indian tribes, in terms of costs, domestic
17 commerce, international marketing and sales, animal health, privacy
18 rights, and other potential impacts identified by the committee.

19 (4) The livestock identification advisory committee shall make
20 recommendations to the department on whether and how to implement a
21 voluntary animal identification system in Washington state.

22 (5) The department of agriculture, in conjunction with the
23 livestock identification advisory committee, shall submit a written
24 report of its findings and recommendations to appropriate committees of
25 the legislature by January 1, 2008.

26 (6) This section expires June 30, 2008.

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