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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1151**

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**State of Washington**

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

READ FIRST TIME 2/28/07.

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

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 committee  
6 to expand upon and complete the work begun by the cattle identification  
7 advisory committee under chapter 150, Laws of 2006.

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

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

1 organizations such as horse-riding associations, community fairs, and  
2 youth groups; (iv) concerned citizens who have a stake in the issue;  
3 and (v) additional members as the director deems necessary. The  
4 director shall invite one member from a federally recognized Indian  
5 tribe to join the advisory committee. The director may reappoint one  
6 or more of the members who have served on the cattle identification  
7 advisory committee that terminates July 1, 2007, to serve in  
8 appropriate positions on the livestock identification advisory  
9 committee.

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

13 (3) In conjunction with the department, the advisory committee  
14 shall:

15 (a) Review the recommendations made by the cattle identification  
16 advisory committee for implementation of a voluntary national animal  
17 identification system in Washington state;

18 (b) Assess the impacts of such a system, whether federal or state  
19 only, on the commercial livestock industry, noncommercial livestock  
20 owners, livestock-related educational and recreational organizations,  
21 concerned citizens, and federally recognized tribes;

22 (c) Work on issues identified but unresolved by the cattle  
23 identification advisory committee including how to:

24 (i) Encourage participation by producers and others in a voluntary  
25 program;

26 (ii) Set a fair and equitable funding mechanism and amount;

27 (iii) Respond to federal goals and requirements that change over  
28 time;

29 (iv) Address concerns about insufficient tag and reader technology  
30 performance; and

31 (v) Address concerns that animal identification will slow commerce.

32 (4) The livestock identification advisory committee shall make  
33 recommendations to the department on whether and how to implement a  
34 voluntary national animal identification system in Washington state.

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

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

2           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
4 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
5 immediately.

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