FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5125

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Giving direction to the commission on pesticide registration.

Sponsors: Senators Loveland, Rasmussen, Morton, Stevens, T. Sheldon and Honeyford.

Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology

Background: In 1995, the Commission on Pesticide Registration was created in response to the passage of the Food Quality Protection Act by Congress that requires pesticides meet new registration requirements. The scope of the commission's work was limited to conducting studies and activities specifically related to the registration of pesticides.

Current law defines integrated pest management as a strategy that uses various combinations of pest control methods, biological, cultural, and chemical, in a compatible manner to achieve satisfactory control and ensure favorable economic and environmental consequences.

The commission is comprised of 12 voting members appointed by the Governor. Official action requires support by seven of the 12 voting members.

Summary: Added to the Commission on Pesticide Registration's authorities are research, implementation, and demonstration of any aspect of integrated pest management and pesticide resistance management programs.

Official action requires that at least seven voting members be present to have a quorum and that a majority of those present must vote in support.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 48 0

House 89 0 (House amended) Senate 47 0 (Senate concurred)

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