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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

2 **2SSB 6356** - H COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Agriculture & Ecology

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that children in the
8 state face many preventable exposures to environmental hazards in their
9 schools, homes, and communities. In certain cases children are at
10 greater risk than adults for exposure to and possible illness from
11 environmental hazards. This is due in part to their behaviors but also
12 to their decreased ability to detoxify certain substances due to the
13 immaturity of their body organs and immune systems.

14 The legislature further finds that higher rates of poverty place
15 children of ethnic and minority communities at disproportionate risk
16 for environmental exposures due to inadequate housing, poor nutrition,
17 and limited access to health care. Solutions to complex environmental
18 health problems require the ongoing communication, collaboration, and
19 cooperation of affected communities.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** As used in this act, "environmental hazard"
21 means one or a group of toxic chemical, biological, or physical agents
22 in the environment, resulting from human activities or natural
23 processes, that may impact the health of exposed children, including
24 such pollutants as lead, pesticides, air pollutants, contaminated
25 drinking water, polluted waters, toxic waste, polychlorinated
26 biphenyls, secondhand tobacco smoke, and industrial and home chemicals.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The children's environmental health and
28 protection advisory council is created.

29 (2) Membership of the advisory council shall consist of fifteen
30 members. The president of the senate shall appoint one member of the
31 majority party and one member of the minority party. The speaker of
32 the house of representatives shall appoint one member from each party.
33 The other members shall include: The secretary of the department of
34 health or designee; the secretary of the department of ecology or

1 designee; the secretary of the department of agriculture or designee;
2 the superintendent of public instruction or designee; the secretary of
3 the department of social and health services or designee; the secretary
4 of the department of labor and industries or designee; one member of
5 the state board of health; one tribal representative, appointed by the
6 governor; one licensed pediatric health care provider with expertise in
7 the field of children's environmental health, appointed by the
8 governor; one parent or guardian whose child has been clinically
9 diagnosed with exposure to an environmental health hazard, appointed by
10 the governor; and an expert in the field of environmental toxicology,
11 appointed by the governor.

12 (3) Members of the advisory council shall serve without
13 compensation.

14 (4) The board of health shall provide staff support and
15 administrative assistance to the advisory council.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The advisory council shall, beginning in
17 2003:

18 (1) Meet at least four times a year;

19 (2) Review and comment on existing laws, rules, regulations, and
20 standards to ensure that they adequately protect the health of children
21 from environmental hazards;

22 (3) Work collaboratively with state agencies and others without
23 duplicating current work in this area; and

24 (4) Report to the governor and the legislature by December 1, 2003,
25 and December 1, 2004, with recommendations on changes in regulation
26 that would reduce children's exposure to environmental hazards and
27 recommendations for collaborative approaches to public education.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The state board of health may solicit,
29 accept, and spend gifts, grants, bequests, devises, and other funds
30 from public and private sources to fund the activities of the
31 children's environmental health and protection advisory council created
32 under section 3 of this act. Funding for the state board of health and
33 state agencies directed to participate in and support the activities of
34 the children's environmental health and protection advisory council
35 shall be provided from funds acquired according to this section and any
36 existing resources these agencies may be able to direct toward these
37 purposes.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act expires June 30, 2005."

EFFECT: Adds the following provisions to the bill -- (1) specifies the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council is to begin meeting in 2003; and (2) directs funding for state agencies participating in and supporting Council activities is to be provided from: (a) Any gifts, grants, bequests, devises, and other funds from public or private sources; and (b) any existing resources state agencies may be able to direct toward these purposes.

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