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HOUSE BILL 1533

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Conway

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Ecology.

1 AN ACT Relating to food service regulation; creating new  
2 sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this act is to establish a  
5 study of the state's food service rules and objectives to ensure a  
6 continuation of the industry's role as a nationally recognized  
7 leader in food safety.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The secretary of health shall create a  
9 committee on food service regulation. The secretary, or the  
10 secretary's designee, shall be a member of the committee and shall  
11 chair the committee. The committee shall be composed of the  
12 secretary and the following additional members:

13 (a) Four representatives of various segments of the food  
14 service industry, appointed by the secretary from lists of  
15 nominees submitted by organizations within the industry;

16 (b) Four representatives of local health jurisdictions,  
17 appointed by the secretary from lists of nominees submitted

1 individually or collectively by such jurisdictions; and

2 (c) Two members of a labor organization appointed by the  
3 secretary to represent employees in the food service industry on a  
4 statewide basis.

5 (2) The committee shall review the provisions of the current  
6 food service rules codified in chapter 246-215 WAC, the objectives  
7 of the rules, and the interpretations of the rules made by the  
8 department of health and by local health jurisdictions throughout  
9 the state. Following the review, the committee shall report to the  
10 legislature and to the state board of health its recommendations  
11 regarding:

12 (a) Revisions that should be made to the food service rules to  
13 update the rules or to respond to other changes in food service  
14 regulatory requirements recommended by the committee;

15 (b) Revisions that should be made to the food service rules  
16 that further describe the requirements of the rules or otherwise  
17 clarify the rules in a manner that will likely provide uniform  
18 interpretation of the rules throughout the state; and

19 (c) Which rules should apply uniformly throughout the state  
20 without local variation.

21 (3) Staff and administrative support for the work of the  
22 committee shall be provided by the department of health.

23 (4) The committee shall report its recommendations to the  
24 legislature and to the state board of health by July 1, 2002.

25 (5) This section expires December 31, 2002.

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