SENATE BILL 6634

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By Senators Ranker, Hatfield, Morton, Haugen, Becker, Shin, and Jacobsen Read first time 01/19/10. Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

AN ACT Relating to establishing civil penalties for failure to comply with dairy nutrient management recordkeeping requirements;

3 adding a new section to chapter 90.64 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

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- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 90.64 RCW 6 to read as follows:
 - (1) Except as provided in chapter 43.05 RCW, the department of agriculture may impose a civil penalty to a dairy producer for failure to comply with recordkeeping requirements in RCW 90.64.010(17)(c). The amount of the civil penalty shall not exceed five thousand dollars in a calendar year.
- 12 (2) In determining the amount of the civil penalty to be levied, 13 the department of agriculture shall take into consideration:
 - (a) The gravity and magnitude of the violation;
- 15 (b) Whether the violation was repeated or is continuous;
- 16 (c) Whether the cause of the violation was an unavoidable accident, 17 negligence, or an intentional act;
 - (d) The violator's efforts to correct the violation; and

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1 (e) The immediacy and extent to which the violation threatens the public health or safety or harms the environment.

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(3) The department of agriculture may establish by rule a graduated civil penalty schedule that includes the factors listed in this section.

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