(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the director of the department of labor and industries to establish a farm internship pilot project for the employment of farm interns on small farms.

Requires the department of labor and industries to adopt rules to provide special workers' compensation risk class or classes for farm interns providing agricultural labor under a farm internship program.

Expires December 31, 2011.

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 6349

March 22, 2010

To the Honorable President and Members, The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 5, Substitute Senate Bill 6349 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to a farm internship program."

This bill provides a structure for agricultural education with oversight from the Department of Labor and Industries. Section 5 provides that appropriations made for purposes of this act must be from the state general fund. The Legislature can determine through the appropriation process how to fund this program, and does not require a separate statutory provision to determine how to fund the program. This bill creates the program in the Department of Labor and Industries and therefore appropriations made for purposes of this act should be from the departments funds dedicated to that purpose.

For this reason I have vetoed Section 5 of Substitute Senate Bill 6349.

With the exception of Section 5, Substitute Senate Bill 6349 is approved.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Gregoire Governor