

SSB 6055 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Environment

ADOPTED AS AMENDED 02/27/2018

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.94
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) A city or town that is located partially inside a quarantine
6 area for apple maggot (*Rhagoletis pomonella*) established by the
7 Washington state department of agriculture may apply for a permit
8 pursuant to RCW 70.94.6528 for the burning of brush and yard waste
9 generated within the city or town, provided that the city or town
10 satisfies the following requirements:

11 (a) Burning must be conducted by city or town employees, by
12 contractors under the supervision of city or town employees, or by
13 the city or town fire department or other local fire officials;

14 (b) Burning must be conducted under the supervision of the city
15 or town fire department or other local fire officials and in
16 consultation with the department of agriculture and the department of
17 ecology or an air pollution control authority, as applicable;

18 (c) Burning must not be conducted more than two times per
19 calendar year; and

20 (d) The city or town must publish notice of any burning conducted
21 under this section in the applicable newspaper of record a minimum of
22 one calendar day prior to engaging in any such burning.

23 (2) The department and the department of agriculture are directed
24 to submit to the appropriate policy committees of the legislature no
25 later than November 1, 2018, a report that addresses the available
26 options for the processing and disposal of municipal yard waste
27 generated in areas subject to the apple maggot quarantine, including:

28 (a) Techniques that neutralize any apple maggot larvae that may
29 be contained within such yard waste;

30 (b) Identification of facilities that are capable of receiving
31 such yard waste;

- 1 (c) Alternatives to outdoor burning, such as composting,
2 chipping, biochar production, and biomass electrical generation; and
3 (d) A comparison of the costs of such alternatives.
4 (3) This section expires July 1, 2019."
5 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Strikes section creating pilot project. Creates a new section authorizing cities and towns located partially within an apple maggot quarantine area to apply for an agricultural activities outdoor burning permit provided that certain requirements are met. Directs the Department of Ecology and the Department of Agriculture to submit to the Legislature by November 1, 2018, a report that addresses the options available for the processing and disposal of municipal yard waste generated in areas subject to the apple maggot quarantine. Expires the new section on July 1, 2019.

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