

**SSB 6055** - H AMD TO ENVI COMM AMD (H-4910.1/18) **1224**

By Representative Fitzgibbon

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1 On page 2, after line 4 of the striking amendment, insert the  
2 following:

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4 **"Sec. 2.** RCW 17.24.051 and 1991 c 257 s 9 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The introduction into or release within the state of a plant  
7 pest, noxious weeds, bee pest, or any other organism that may  
8 directly or indirectly affect the plant life of the state as an  
9 injurious pest, parasite, predator, or other organism is prohibited,  
10 except under special permit issued by the department under rules  
11 adopted by the director. A special permit is not required for the  
12 introduction or release within the state of a genetically engineered  
13 plant or plant pest organism if the introduction or release has been  
14 approved under provisions of federal law and the department has been  
15 notified of the planned introduction or release. The department  
16 shall be the sole issuing agency for the permits. Except for  
17 research projects approved by the department, no permit for a  
18 biological control agent shall be issued unless the department has  
19 determined that the parasite, predator, or plant pathogen is target  
20 organism or plant specific and not likely to become a pest of  
21 nontarget plants or other beneficial organisms. The director may  
22 also exclude biological control agents that are infested with  
23 parasites determined to be detrimental to the biological control  
24 efforts of the state. The department may rely upon findings of the  
25 United States department of agriculture or any experts that the  
26 director may deem appropriate in making a determination about the  
27 threat posed by such organisms. In addition, the director may

1 request confidential business information subject to the conditions  
2 in RCW 17.24.061.

3 (2) Plant pests, noxious weeds, or other organisms introduced  
4 into or released within this state in violation of this section  
5 shall be subject to detention and disposition as otherwise provided  
6 in this chapter.

7 (3) Upon the request of a city or town that is located partially  
8 inside a quarantine area for apple maggot established by the  
9 department, the department may issue a special transit permit for the  
10 limited purpose of transporting brush and yard waste or debris  
11 generated within the city or town through a pest free area to a  
12 destination located inside a quarantine area for apple maggot  
13 established by the department, subject to conditions and provisions  
14 which the director may prescribe to prevent introduction, escape, or  
15 spread of the quarantined pests."

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17 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Authorizes the Washington State Department of  
Agriculture to issue, to a city or town that is located partially  
inside an apple maggot quarantine area, a special transit permit for  
the limited purpose of transporting brush and yard waste or debris  
generated within the city or town through a pest free area to a  
destination located inside a quarantine area for apple maggot  
established by the department, subject to conditions and provisions  
which the director may prescribe to prevent introduction, escape, or  
spread of the quarantined pests.

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