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By Senator Warnick

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1 On page 1, after line 3, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that farmers,  
3 farmworkers, and the broader community share an interest in  
4 minimizing human exposure to pesticide.

5 (2) The legislature recognizes that huge gains in minimizing  
6 human exposure have been made by the agricultural industry through a  
7 combination of scientific advancements, ongoing education and  
8 training, usage of safety equipment, improved technologies, and  
9 proper monitoring and regulation. In 2014, the legislature created a  
10 temporary farm work group that included representatives of both  
11 growers and workers. The 2014 farm work group jointly identified  
12 administrative recommendations to minimize public health issues posed  
13 by pesticide drift. The 2014 farm work group recognized that  
14 following necessary operating procedures and best management  
15 practices, thorough operator training, and good communication  
16 prevents or greatly reduces pesticide drift exposure. Through such  
17 collaborative efforts, the state has had significant gains in  
18 decreasing pesticide exposure on farms.

19 (3) The legislature finds that collaboration between state  
20 agencies and the farming community can assist in further minimizing  
21 exposure of agricultural workers to pesticide drift.

22 (4) This section expires December 31, 2018."

23 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any  
24 internal references accordingly.

25 On page 1, line 6, after "applications." insert "The work group  
26 shall:

27 (a) Review existing state and federal laws regulating pesticide  
28 safety and application;

29 (b) Arrange for a presentation on new pesticide application  
30 technology and review other technologies used throughout the nation  
31 to increase pesticide application safety;

1 (c) Review the structure of the former pesticide incident  
2 reporting and tracking review panel created under RCW 70.104.080  
3 (repealed) to determine whether a similar group should be created;  
4 and

5 (d) Review current data and reports from Washington state  
6 agencies and relevant agencies in other states that may be helpful in  
7 developing strategies to improve pesticide application safety."

8 On page 2, after line 32, insert the following:

9 "(8) This section expires December 31, 2018."

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10 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "group;" strike the  
11 remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; and  
12 providing expiration dates."

EFFECT: Makes legislative findings. Requires the work group to review existing state and federal laws and regulations; arrange for a presentation related to pesticide application; review the structure of the former pesticide incident reporting and tracking review panel to determine if a similar group should be created; and review data and reports from state agencies and other states and countries that may be helpful in developing strategies.

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