CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6518**

66th Legislature

2020 Regular Session

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| Passed by the Senate March 10, 2020  Yeas 40 Nays 7  **President of the Senate**  Passed by the House March 5, 2020  Yeas 88 Nays 9  **Speaker of the House of Representatives** | CERTIFICATE  I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6518** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.  Secretary |
| Approved |  |
| **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**State of Washington 66th Legislature 2020 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes, Van De Wege, and Wilson, C.)

AN ACT Relating to reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides; adding a new section to chapter 17.21 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  The legislature finds that scientific research has played an important role in informing and advancing public policy in many areas, including health, education, early childhood development, and environmental and wildlife protection.

(1) The legislature also finds that organophosphate pesticides, such as chlorpyrifos, above certain levels may harm aquatic habitats and aquatic organisms, including salmon.

(2) In addition, the legislature finds that scientific research has identified early childhood as a critical period of intervention during which children develop the foundation for educational achievement. Young children are especially vulnerable to environmental contaminants and toxic stress.

(3) Chlorpyrifos and other organophosphate pesticides affect the nervous system through inhibition of cholinesterase, an enzyme required for proper nerve functioning.

(4) Children experience greater exposure to chlorpyrifos pesticides because, relative to adults, they eat, drink, and breathe more in proportion to their body weight. Because of this concern, the federal food quality protection act requires a tenfold margin of safety in the registration of pesticides to protect infants and children.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 17.21 RCW to read as follows:

The director must adopt emergency rules that take effect by January 1, 2022, that include specific control measures for chlorpyrifos that are designed to reduce emissions sufficiently so the public is not subject to levels of exposure that may cause or contribute to significant adverse health effects.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, Washington State University shall provide the Washington state commission on pesticide registration with funding to work with agricultural grower groups presently using chlorpyrifos to research alternative pest control strategies.

(2) Additional funding must be provided to the department of agriculture for training and enforcement of the Washington pesticide application act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 2020, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

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