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By Representative Reeves

1 On page 52, after line 31, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 129.** To inform implementation of the program
3 created under this chapter, the department of commerce must contract
4 with an independent third party, which may include educational
5 institutions or private entities with subject matter expertise, to
6 carry out a social vulnerability assessment of the impacts of the
7 requirements of this chapter. The assessment must identify and
8 evaluate program design elements to be included in plans submitted by
9 producer responsibility organizations to minimize negative impacts on
10 socially vulnerable populations. The assessment must be completed and
11 submitted by October 1, 2026, to the department of commerce, the
12 department, the stakeholder advisory council formed in section 120 of
13 this act, and any producer responsibility organizations registered
14 with the department. A producer responsibility organization must
15 consider and address the results of the assessment under this section
16 in plans submitted to the department under section 107 of this act."

EFFECT: Requires the department of commerce to contract with an independent third party to carry out a social vulnerability assessment of the impacts of producer responsibility organization requirements. Requires the assessment to identify and evaluate program design elements to minimize negative impacts of producer responsibility organization plans on socially vulnerable populations. Requires the assessment to be submitted to specified entities by October 1, 2026. Requires producer responsibility organization plans to consider and address the results of the assessment in plans submitted to the department of ecology.

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