

5425-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Water
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Brief Description: Implementing notices and procedures regarding aerial application of pesticides to control plant pests. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Implementing notices and procedures regarding aerial application of pesticides to eradicate plant pests.)

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Provides that when the director proposes to control the Asian gypsy moth through the aerial application of pesticides within a large urban residential area as defined in RCW 17.24.007, the director shall consult with appropriate public university personnel and federal, state, and local health agencies concerning unpublished formulas of products acquired by authorization of this chapter for the purpose of obtaining an independent assessment of the possible human health risks associated with the proposed use.

Provides that, when surveys and other measures detect the presence of the Asian gypsy moth within a large urban residential area, and when the aerial application of pesticides may be considered as a measure to eradicate the pest, the director shall provide public notice of the survey results and the alternatives for eradication measures. The director shall hold a public meeting within the area to provide information and to receive comments from the public on the survey results, and the alternatives for eradication measures.

Provides that, when the requested measures include the aerial application of pesticides in a large urban residential area for the eradication of Asian gypsy moths, the findings shall also include a summary of the information relied upon in determining the extent of the danger, the alternative measures considered, and, when applicable, the director's response to the public comments received under this act.

Provides that, when emergency measures taken include the aerial application of pesticides in a large urban residential area for the eradication of Asian gypsy moths the director shall implement procedures for notifying the community in the application area before each aerial application. The procedures shall include notifying individuals who request individual notice, and include notice to major employers and institutional facilities, including but not limited to schools, child care facilities, senior residential and day care facilities, health care facilities, and community centers.

Provides that the local health jurisdiction, with support from the department of health, shall monitor public health effects following the implementation of the measures in such areas.

Provides that the governor shall not approve a proposed emergency measure that includes the aerial application of pesticides in a large urban residential area for the control of Asian gypsy moths unless the governor determines that all other

alternatives are not feasible or likely to prevent or abate the infestation or disease situation.