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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring a report to the legislature on the rule-making process for medical monitoring of agricultural workers.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Rasmussen and Parlette).

Senate Committee on Agriculture Senate Committee on Ways & Means House Committee on Commerce & Labor

Background: In response to a recent Washington State Supreme Court decision, the Department of Labor and Industries has initiated rule-making on cholinesterase monitoring.

Summary: The Legislature's interest in tracking the rule-making process for medical monitoring of farm workers who handle cholinesterase-inhibiting pesticides is expressed. The Department of Labor and Industries and stakeholders representing agricultural employers and employees must report to the appropriate legislative committees on the status of rule development and implementation by September 1, 2003, and December 1, 2003.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 32 17

House 98 0 (House amended) Senate 48 0 (Senate concurred)

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