

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 3106

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Agriculture & Rural Economic Development, February 25, 2008

Title: An act relating to changing the name of the commission on pesticide registration to the commission on integrated pest management without changing responsibilities or authority of the commission.

Brief Description: Changing the name of the commission on pesticide registration to the commission on integrated pest management without changing responsibilities or authority of the commission.

Sponsors: Representative Grant.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/15/08, 91-0.

Committee Activity: Agriculture & Rural Economic Development: 2/25/08 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Schoesler, Ranking Minority Member; Jacobsen and Morton.

Staff: Bob Lee (786-7404)

Background: Washington State produces a wide diversity of what are considered at the federal level as minor crops. The Commission on Pesticide Registration was created in 1995 to address pest control problems involved with producing this wide range of crops. In 1999 authority was provided to the commission to conduct research related to integrated pest management.

The commission is composed of 12 voting members and five ex officio members representing Washington State University (WSU), the Department of Ecology, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Labor and Industries, and the Department of Health.

Summary of Bill: The name of the Commission on Pesticide Registration is changed to the Commission on Integrated Pest Management.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Originally, the name Washington Commission on Pesticide Registration was appropriate. However, now most of the money goes toward integrated pest management projects. Thus, a change in name would be appropriate to reflect the type of work being done.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Art Losey, Washington State Commission on Pesticide Registration.