
HOUSE BILL 1732

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Energy & Communications.

1 AN ACT Relating to organisms created by human innovation; adding
2 new sections to chapter 43.350 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
3 43.23 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Washington is a leader in developing
6 innovative bioproducts for human therapy, animal therapy, and plant
7 life. The state of Washington would like to encourage further
8 development of plant, animal, and human therapy research and innovation
9 while still providing predictability and rules for such research.
10 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to develop guidelines
11 for plant, animal, and human therapy research to be conducted in the
12 state to ensure that the state maintains its position as a leader in
13 this area and continues to spur further research and innovation.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.350 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) It is the policy of the state of Washington that research
17 involving the derivation and use of human embryonic stem cells, human
18 embryonic germ cells, and human adult stem cells from any source,

1 including somatic cell nuclear transplantation, shall be permitted
2 after full consideration of the ethical and medical implications of
3 this research.

4 (2) Any research involving the derivation and use of human
5 embryonic stem cells, human embryonic germ cells, and human adult stem
6 cells, including somatic cell nuclear transplantation, must be reviewed
7 by the human stem cell research advisory committee, created in section
8 3 of this act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.350 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) The human stem cell research advisory committee is created and
12 consists of the following members:

- 13 (a) The governor or the governor's designee;
- 14 (b) A representative from the University of Washington;
- 15 (c) A representative from Washington State University;
- 16 (d) The attorney general or an assistant attorney general with
17 relevant expertise; and
- 18 (e) A representative from the Washington state medical quality
19 assurance commission.

20 (2) The human stem cell research advisory committee shall develop
21 scientific, ethical, and legal guidelines for research involving the
22 derivation or use of human adult stem cells, human embryonic germ
23 cells, and human embryonic stem cells in Washington. The guidelines
24 must be submitted to the authority by July 1, 2008. The guidelines
25 must inform potential researchers of specific scientific, ethical, and
26 legal considerations that must be examined prior to a research project
27 being approved by the human stem cell research advisory committee.

28 (3) The human stem cell research advisory committee shall review
29 all stem cell research proposals prior to commencement of such research
30 in the state. After full consideration of the ethical and medical
31 implications of the research, the human stem cell research advisory
32 committee shall determine, by a majority vote, whether the research
33 project may go forward.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.23 RCW
35 to read as follows:

36 (1) The department shall adopt rules that establish appropriate

1 management practices for coexistence of plant-based life sciences in
2 this state. In adopting these rules, the department shall, at a
3 minimum, consider the following issues:

4 (a) The possible spread of genetically engineered organisms by
5 pollen drift;

6 (b) The need for isolation distances to prevent pollen drift where
7 possible; and

8 (c) The possible financial liability for farmers, patent holders,
9 and manufacturers of genetically engineered organism products.

10 (2) In adopting these rules, the department shall consider best
11 available science.

12 (3) The imposition of controls on genetically engineered organisms
13 is of statewide significance and is preempted by the state. No city or
14 town may enact, maintain, or enforce ordinances or other provisions
15 that regulate the registration, labeling, sale, storage,
16 transportation, distribution, notification of use, or use of
17 genetically engineered organisms.

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