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**Business & Financial Services Committee**

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**HB 1010**

**Brief Description:** Concerning antifreeze products.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Appleton and Hunt.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Applies the requirement that an aversive agent be added to engine coolant and antifreeze in wholesale containers of 55 gallons or more, which are exempt from the requirement under current law.

**Hearing Date:** 1/16/13

**Staff:** Sara Campbell (783-7384)

**Background:**

Engine coolant and antifreeze manufactured or distributed in Washington that contains more than 10% ethylene glycol must contain denatonium benzoate as an aversive agent to render it unpalatable to humans and animals. The necessary amount of the aversive agent is specified in the statute. This requirement applies to manufacturers, packagers, distributors, recyclers, and sellers of engine coolant or antifreeze, but does not apply to wholesale containers of 55 gallons or more of engine coolant or antifreeze.

Manufacturers, packagers, distributors, recyclers, and sellers are not liable for injury caused by inclusion of the aversive agent.

A manufacturer who is subject to the aversive agent requirement must maintain a record of the trade name, scientific name, and active ingredients of any aversive used and must make this information available to the public upon request.

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The Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures Program and city sealers have authority to enforce these requirements.

**Summary of Bill:**

The requirement that an aversive agent be added to engine coolant and antifreeze to render it unpalatable applies to wholesale containers of engine coolant or antifreeze of 55 gallons or more which are exempt from the requirement under current law.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.