

SHB 2376 - H AMD 870

By Representative Buys

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1 On page 161, line 7, increase the general fund-state appropriation
2 for fiscal year 2017 by \$320,000

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4 On page 161, line 17, correct the total

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6 On page 162, after line 24, insert the following:

7 "(6) \$320,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal
8 year 2017 is provided solely for the department to conduct activities
9 to reduce groundwater risks from lagoons and fields on dairy farms.
10 These amounts may be used for the following activities:

11 (a) assisting dairy farmers with deep soil sampling and record
12 keeping;

13 (b) Assessing, analyzing, and reporting on lagoon storage on dairy
14 farms in counties in the North Puget Sound and the Yakima basin;

15 (c) Working with the Washington State University Research and
16 Extension and United States Natural Resources Conservation Service on
17 improving effluent analysis and the development of storage assessment
18 tools and protocols to identify dairy lagoons and effluent storage
19 systems that are a significant risk to state groundwater resources;

20 (d) Providing engineering technical assistance, via conservation
21 districts in counties in the North Puget Sound and the Yakima basin,
22 to dairy farmers for effluent storage lagoon engineering to meet
23 United States Natural Resources Conservation Service standards; and

24 (e) Reporting to the Legislature by July 1, 2017, in cooperation
25 with the Department of Ecology, with recommendations for reducing
26 groundwater risks from lagoons and fields on dairy farms, and the roe,
27 scope, and associated costs of a state groundwater permit for dairy

1 farmers. The recommendations in this report must be based on dairy
2 lagoon and field assessments, and must include estimated public and
3 private costs for reducing groundwater risks from lagoons and dairy
4 farm fields."

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EFFECT: Provides funding for the Department of Agriculture to conduct a variety of activities related to reducing groundwater risks from lagoons and fields on dairy farms. A report must be submitted to the Legislature by July 1, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund - State by \$320,000.

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