**6529-S2 AMS WARN S5077.4 - NOT FOR FLOOR USE**

**2SSB 6529** - S AMD **593**

By Senator Warnick

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On page 1, after line 3, insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  (1) The legislature finds that farmers, farmworkers, and the broader community share an interest in minimizing human exposure to pesticide.

(2) The legislature recognizes that huge gains in minimizing human exposure have been made by the agricultural industry through a combination of scientific advancements, ongoing education and training, usage of safety equipment, improved technologies, and proper monitoring and regulation. In 2014, the legislature created a temporary farm work group that included representatives of both growers and workers. The 2014 farm work group jointly identified administrative recommendations to minimize public health issues posed by pesticide drift. The 2014 farm work group recognized that following necessary operating procedures and best management practices, thorough operator training, and good communication prevents or greatly reduces pesticide drift exposure. Through such collaborative efforts, the state has had significant gains in decreasing pesticide exposure on farms.

(3) The legislature finds that collaboration between state agencies and the farming community can assist in further minimizing exposure of agricultural workers to pesticide drift.

(4) This section expires December 31, 2018."

Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

On page 1, line 6, after "applications." insert "The work group shall:

(a) Review existing state and federal laws regulating pesticide safety and application;

(b) Arrange for a presentation on new pesticide application technology and review other technologies used throughout the nation to increase pesticide application safety;

(c) Review the structure of the former pesticide incident reporting and tracking review panel created under RCW 70.104.080 (repealed) to determine whether a similar group should be created; and

(d) Review current data and reports from Washington state agencies and relevant agencies in other states that may be helpful in developing strategies to improve pesticide application safety."

On page 2, after line 32, insert the following:

"(8) This section expires December 31, 2018."

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On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "group;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; and providing expiration dates."

EFFECT: Makes legislative findings. Requires the work group to review existing state and federal laws and regulations; arrange for a presentation related to pesticide application; review the structure of the former pesticide incident reporting and tracking review panel to determine if a similar group should be created; and review data and reports from state agencies and other states and countries that may be helpful in developing strategies.