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**By** Representatives Dent and Chapman

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the pesticide advisory board; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 17.21 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that agency  
5 decisions related to the regulation of pesticides benefit from robust  
6 community and stakeholder engagement. The legislature intends to  
7 create a formal and permanent advisory board to advise the department  
8 of agriculture on pesticide-related actions.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 17.21  
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 (1) The pesticide advisory board is established, with members as  
12 provided in this subsection.

13 (a) Voting members:

14 (i) One pesticide applicator licensed to operate agricultural  
15 aerial apparatus;

16 (ii) One licensed urban landscape applicator;

17 (iii) One licensed structural pest control applicator;

18 (iv) One licensed pest control consultant, or one licensed  
19 pesticide dealer or pesticide dealer manager;

20 (v) One member representing the agricultural chemical industry;

1 (vi) Three agricultural producers;  
2 (vii) The department's pesticide management division assistant  
3 director or the assistant director's designee;  
4 (viii) One member from Washington poison control;  
5 (ix) One farmworker clinic practitioner or other agricultural-  
6 related health care practitioner in private service;  
7 (x) One toxicologist or pesticide investigations manager from the  
8 department of health;  
9 (xi) The department of labor and industries' industrial hygiene  
10 agricultural manager or the manager's designee;  
11 (xii) Two members representing the environmental community;  
12 (xiii) One representative from a federally recognized Indian  
13 tribe;  
14 (xiv) One member from an agricultural labor organization; and  
15 (xv) One farmworker advocate.  
16 (b) Nonvoting members:  
17 (i) One entomologist in public service;  
18 (ii) One toxicologist in public service;  
19 (iii) One member from the national pesticide information center;  
20 (iv) One pesticide coordinator from Washington State University;  
21 (v) One agricultural health network advisor from the Pacific  
22 Northwest agricultural safety and health center;  
23 (vi) The department's pollinator health coordinator, apiarist, or  
24 both;  
25 (vii) One commercial beekeeper;  
26 (viii) One member representing the United States environmental  
27 protection agency region 10;  
28 (ix) One member representing the department of transportation  
29 with expertise in vegetation management; and  
30 (x) One member representing the noxious weed control board.  
31 (2) The director shall appoint each member of the pesticide  
32 advisory board for terms of four years. Members may be appointed for  
33 successive four-year terms at the discretion of the director. The  
34 terms must be staggered so that approximately one-fourth of the terms  
35 expire on June 30th of each calendar year. In making appointments,  
36 the director shall seek nominations from affected agricultural and  
37 environmental groups. The director may remove any member of the  
38 pesticide advisory board prior to the expiration of his or her term  
39 of appointment for cause.

1           (3) The pesticide advisory board shall also include the following  
2 nonvoting members: The director of the department of labor and  
3 industries or the director's designee; the environmental health  
4 specialist from the department of health; the assistant director of  
5 the pesticide management division of the department; the commissioner  
6 of public lands or the commissioner's designee; the director of the  
7 department of fish and wildlife or the director's designee; the  
8 director of the department of ecology or the director's designee; the  
9 director of the liquor and cannabis board or the director's designee;  
10 and the commissioner of the employment security department or the  
11 commissioner's designee.

12           (4) The director shall attempt to fill any vacancy on the  
13 pesticide advisory board within 30 days for the remainder of its  
14 term.

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