

**ESHB 1019** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that agency  
4 decisions related to the regulation of pesticides benefit from robust  
5 community and stakeholder engagement. The legislature intends to  
6 create a formal and permanent advisory board to advise the department  
7 of agriculture on any or all problems relating to the use and  
8 application of pesticides in the state, with the exception of matters  
9 covered by the pesticide application safety committee.

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

12 (1) The pesticide advisory board is established to advise the  
13 director on any or all problems relating to the use and application  
14 of pesticides in the state except for matters covered by the  
15 pesticide application safety committee created in RCW 70.104.110,  
16 with members as provided in this subsection.

17 (a) Voting members:

18 (i) One pesticide applicator licensed to operate agricultural  
19 aerial apparatus;

20 (ii) One licensed pest control consultant, or one licensed  
21 pesticide dealer or pesticide dealer manager;

22 (iii) One member representing the agricultural chemical industry;

23 (iv) One agricultural producer;

24 (v) The department's pesticide management division assistant  
25 director or the assistant director's designee;

26 (vi) One toxicologist or pesticide investigations manager from  
27 the department of health;

28 (vii) The department of labor and industries' division of  
29 occupational safety and health assistant director or the assistant  
30 director's designee;

1 (viii) One member representing the environmental community;  
2 (ix) One representative from a federally recognized Indian tribe  
3 or an interested tribe that does not regulate pesticides;  
4 (x) One farmworker advocate;  
5 (xi) One migrant farmworker;  
6 (xii) One at-large member as determined by the director; and  
7 (xiii) One member representing the household and commercial  
8 products association.

9 (b) Nonvoting members:

10 (i) The director of the following agencies or the director's  
11 designees:

12 (A) The department of labor and industries;

13 (B) The department of fish and wildlife;

14 (C) The department of ecology; and

15 (D) The liquor and cannabis board;

16 (ii) The commissioner of public lands or the commissioner's  
17 designee;

18 (iii) The commissioner of the employment security department or  
19 the commissioner's designee;

20 (iv) The environmental health specialist from the department of  
21 health;

22 (v) One entomologist in public service;

23 (vi) One toxicologist in public service;

24 (vii) One member from the national pesticide information center;

25 (viii) One pesticide coordinator from Washington State  
26 University;

27 (ix) One agricultural health network advisor from the Pacific  
28 Northwest agricultural safety and health center;

29 (x) The department's pollinator health coordinator, apiarist, or  
30 both;

31 (xi) One commercial beekeeper;

32 (xii) One member representing the United States environmental  
33 protection agency region 10;

34 (xiii) One member representing the department of transportation  
35 with expertise in vegetation management;

36 (xiv) One member representing the noxious weed control board; and

37 (xv) One member representing an organization made up of  
38 agricultural producers, timber producers, wood preservers, and others  
39 whose mission includes supporting the science behind the responsible  
40 use of pesticides in both agriculture and forestry.

1 (2) The director shall appoint each member of the pesticide  
2 advisory board for terms of four years. Members may be appointed for  
3 successive four-year terms at the discretion of the director. The  
4 terms must be staggered so that approximately one-fourth of the terms  
5 expire on June 30th of each calendar year. In making appointments,  
6 the director shall seek nominations from affected agricultural and  
7 environmental groups. The director may remove any member of the  
8 pesticide advisory board prior to the expiration of his or her term  
9 of appointment for cause.

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

13 (4) The director, in consultation with the pesticide advisory  
14 board, shall form work groups that include individuals with the  
15 appropriate expertise to inform the board on issues relating to  
16 specific pesticides or uses. Work groups created under this  
17 subsection may include individuals who are not members of the  
18 pesticide advisory board.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 17.21  
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 The pesticide advisory board established in section 2 of this act  
22 shall elect a chair from among its membership. The pesticide advisory  
23 board shall meet from time to time at the call of the director, chair  
24 of the board, or a majority of the board."

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25 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "board;" strike the  
26 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter  
27 17.21 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: Adds an at-large member to be determined by the director  
of the department of agriculture and a member representing the  
household and commercial products association to the voting  
membership of the pesticide advisory board (board). Adds wood  
preservers to the list of groups whose mission includes the

responsible use of pesticides in agriculture and forestry who are represented by one nonvoting member of the board.

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