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By Representatives Dent, Chapman, Ryu, Corry, Sandlin, Reeves, Springer, Schmick, and Davis

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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 pest control consultant, or one licensed
17 pesticide dealer or pesticide dealer manager;

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

19 (iv) One agricultural producer;

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

3 (vi) One toxicologist or pesticide investigations manager from
4 the department of health;

5 (vii) The department of labor and industries' division of
6 occupational safety and health assistant director or the assistant
7 director's designee;

8 (viii) One member representing the environmental community;

9 (ix) One representative from a federally recognized Indian tribe
10 or an interested tribe that does not regulate pesticides; and

11 (x) One farmworker advocate.

12 (b) Nonvoting members:

13 (i) One entomologist in public service;

14 (ii) One toxicologist in public service;

15 (iii) One member from the national pesticide information center;

16 (iv) One pesticide coordinator from Washington State University;

17 (v) One agricultural health network advisor from the Pacific
18 Northwest agricultural safety and health center;

19 (vi) The department's pollinator health coordinator, apiarist, or
20 both;

21 (vii) One commercial beekeeper;

22 (viii) One member representing the United States environmental
23 protection agency region 10;

24 (ix) One member representing the department of transportation
25 with expertise in vegetation management; and

26 (x) One member representing the noxious weed control board.

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

36 (3) The pesticide advisory board shall also include the following
37 nonvoting members: The director of the department of labor and
38 industries or the director's designee; the environmental health
39 specialist from the department of health; the assistant director of
40 the pesticide management division of the department; the commissioner

1 of public lands or the commissioner's designee; the director of the
2 department of fish and wildlife or the director's designee; the
3 director of the department of ecology or the director's designee; the
4 director of the liquor and cannabis board or the director's designee;
5 and the commissioner of the employment security department or the
6 commissioner's designee.

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

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