
Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

HB 1294

Brief Description: Extending the pesticide application safety committee.

Sponsors: Representatives Dent, Reeves, Timmons and Hill.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extends the expiration date of the Pesticide Application Safety Committee to July 1, 2035.
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Hearing Date: 1/31/25

Staff: Lily Smith (786-7175).

Background:

The Pesticide Application Safety Committee (Committee) explores how multiple agencies and the Washington Poison Center collect and track data, the development of a shared database, and the use of existing tools to better display multiagency data regarding pesticides. The Committee may also evaluate and recommend a variety of policy options related to improving agricultural pesticide application safety, including improving communication and education, incentives for new technology, and prevention techniques and best practices. The Committee provides an annual report to the Legislature.

Members of the Committee include legislators, agency heads from the Departments of Agriculture, Health, Labor and Industries, and Natural Resources, and representatives from state university agriculture and pesticide-related colleges and programs.

An advisory work group (advisory group) collects information and makes recommendations to

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the Committee on topics requiring unique expertise and perspectives on issues within the Committee's jurisdiction. The advisory group includes a representative from the Department of Agriculture, a number of representatives of farmworkers and growers, a representative of community and migrant health centers, a representative of aerial applicators, and a toxicologist. The advisory group may hold one in-person meeting per fiscal year, but otherwise must use teleconferencing or other methods.

The Committee and advisory group expire July 1, 2025.

Summary of Bill:

The Pesticide Application Safety Committee expires on July 1, 2035, instead of on July 1, 2025. The restriction on the advisory group conducting in-person meetings is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 2025.