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1 AN ACT Relating to livestock methane emissions; adding a new
2 section to chapter 70A.15 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that methane is
5 a potent greenhouse gas, and that Washington continues to experience
6 the dangerous impacts of climate change from greenhouse gas
7 emissions, including devastating fires, drought conditions, and
8 record-breaking summer temperatures.

9 (2) The legislature finds cattle release significant amounts of
10 methane through their digestion process and manure production.

11 (3) The legislature further finds that dairies and feed lots in
12 the state are not currently required to report any information
13 regarding the level of their methane emissions and, therefore, there
14 is a notable gap in the state's knowledge of the contribution of this
15 industry to greenhouse gas emissions.

16 (4) Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to better
17 understand the scale and scope of methane emissions from dairies and
18 feed lots in the state, by gathering basic information regarding the
19 level of their emissions.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70A.15
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) Beginning January 1st of the year following the year in which
4 the department adopts rules to implement this section, each owner or
5 operator of a dairy farm or feed lot in the state must submit an
6 annual report to the department with the total metric tons of methane
7 emitted from the dairy farm or feed lot in the preceding calendar
8 year.

9 (2) For the first report due under subsection (1) of this
10 section, the owner or operator may estimate the total annual
11 emissions by multiplying the average total monthly emissions over a
12 consecutive three-month period within the calendar year covered by
13 the report.

14 (3) The department must adopt rules to implement this section,
15 including a reporting schedule that provides reasonable lead time for
16 the first report.

17 (4) For the purposes of this section:

18 (a) "Dairy farm" means any farm that is licensed to produce milk
19 under chapter 15.36 RCW.

20 (b) "Feed lot" has the same meaning as "certified feed lot" in
21 RCW 16.58.020.

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