

# Senate Study Bill 2154

## Conference Committee Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section 206.5, subsection 3, paragraph b,  
1 2 unnumbered paragraph 2, Code Supplement 1995, is amended to  
1 3 read as follows:  
1 4 The department shall adopt rules providing for the program  
1 5 requirements which shall at least include the safe handling,  
1 6 application, and storage of pesticides, the correct  
1 7 calibration of equipment used for the application of  
1 8 pesticides, and the effects of pesticides upon the  
1 9 groundwater. The department shall adopt by rule criteria for  
1 10 allowing a person required to be certified to complete either  
1 11 a written or oral examination. The examination for commercial  
1 12 applicators shall be given at each community college, as  
1 13 defined in section 260C.2, not less frequently than once every  
1 14 calendar month if one or more commercial applicators wish to  
1 15 take the examination. The department shall formulate and  
1 16 score the examination for commercial applicators. The  
1 17 department may select persons who are not employees of the  
1 18 department to proctor and administer the examination for  
1 19 commercial applicators. The department shall administer the  
1 20 instructional courses, by either teaching the courses or  
1 21 selecting persons to teach the courses, according to criteria  
1 22 as provided by rules adopted by the department. The  
1 23 department shall, to the extent possible, select persons to  
1 24 teach the courses in each county. The department is not  
1 25 required to compensate persons selected to teach the courses.  
1 26 In selecting persons, the department shall rely upon  
1 27 organizations interested in the application of pesticides,  
1 28 including associations representing pesticide applicators and  
1 29 associations representing agricultural producers. The Iowa  
1 30 cooperative extension service in agriculture and home  
1 31 economics of Iowa state university of science and technology  
1 32 shall cooperate with the department in administering the  
1 33 instructional courses. The Iowa cooperative extension service  
1 34 may teach courses, train persons selected to teach courses, or  
1 35 distribute informational materials to persons teaching the  
2 1 courses.

### EXPLANATION

2 2  
2 3 Commercial applicators of pesticides are required to  
2 4 complete an examination prior to receiving certification.  
2 5 This bill requires that examinations for commercial  
2 6 applicators be given at each community college not less  
2 7 frequently than once every calendar month if one or more  
2 8 commercial applicators wish to take the examination. The bill  
2 9 directs the department of agriculture and land stewardship to  
2 10 formulate and score the examination for commercial  
2 11 applicators. The bill provides that the department of  
2 12 agriculture and land stewardship may select persons who are  
2 13 not employees of the department to proctor and administer the  
2 14 examinations for commercial applicators.  
2 15 LSB 3911SC 76  
2 16 kah/sc/14