



# PEST AND DISEASE

## **Horticultural Pest and Disease Boards (Substitute House Bill No. 96)**

The Washington legislature in 1969 passed a Horticultural Pest and Disease Bill that enables counties to more effectively control and prevent the spread of horticultural pests and diseases.

The legislation allows for the formation of county horticultural pest and disease boards. It stipulates that the "chief county Extension agent, or a county Extension agent appointed by the chief agent, shall be a nonvoting member of the board."

Extension personnel involvement in horticultural pest and disease boards is as professional and specialized consultants with useful knowledge about control and prevention of horticultural pests and diseases. As a nonvoting member, they play no supervisory role but serve primarily as an advisory person.

All regulatory and supervisory activities involving the board are carried out by the voting members of the board.