§ 1606. Functions, powers and duties. 1. The board (a) may prepare and recommend rules and regulations, or amendment or repeal thereof, for controlling the use, transportation, storage and disposal of pesticides consistent with the declared purpose of this article and (b) shall designate the department or departments by whom such rules or regulations shall be promulgated, administered and enforced in accordance with the functions, powers and duties of such department or departments prescribed by law. Such rules and regulations shall not be effective until filed in the office of the department of state. Any such action shall be taken only at a meeting upon the affirmative vote in person or by mail of at least five voting members of the board, exclusive of any deputy or other representative, after a meeting with the advisory members of the board and consideration of available scientific evidence.

2. To further the declared purpose of this article, the board shall have the following functions, powers and duties:

(a) To formulate over-all policy in the state's programs for regulating the use, transportation, storage and disposal of pesticides.

(b) To coordinate the activities and programs of member departments concerned with the use and effects of pesticides.

(c) To cause such studies, research and investigations to be made as it may deem advisable and necessary.

(d) To hold public hearings.

(e) To collect and compile information and data relating to the use and effects of pesticides.

(f) To advise and assist state departments and agencies upon request.

(g) To inform the public concerning the state's efforts to regulate the use of pesticides and to provide information concerning pesticides.

(i) To recommend that the use of specific pesticides be prohibited under specified conditions.

(j) To consult and cooperate with the appropriate agencies of the federal government or of other states to more effectively carry out its functions, powers and duties hereunder.

(k) To do all things necessary or reasonable to carry out the foregoing functions, powers and duties.