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Measure Description:

Establishes pollinator health outreach and education plan.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Agriculture, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Agency – Fund Type	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium
Department of Agriculture – General Fund	\$50,000	
Department of Agriculture – Other Funds	\$75,000	\$75,000

Summary of Revenue Impact:

Agency – Fund Type	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium
Department of Agriculture – Other Funds	\$261,200	\$282,400

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis: This bill directs Oregon State University (OSU) to expand the pollinator health program created in HB 4139 (2014). OSU, in consultation with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), is to develop a pollinator health outreach and education plan to educate the public. OSU is also directed to work in consultation with ODA to develop a pesticide use safety plan to educate the public.

The measure directs ODA to develop a bee incident reporting system to facilitate public reporting of incidents related to pollinator health to the Department. ODA estimates the one-time costs for the reporting system to be approximately \$50,000 General Fund depending upon the project scope.

The measure makes changes to apiary fees that are anticipated to generate approximately \$21,200 Other Funds revenue per year that is required to be spent on pollinator research predominately focused on honeybees. The measure also directs \$10 of each pesticide product registration fee collected before January 1, 2019, to be used for education and outreach efforts outlined in the measure. ODA anticipates this will generate \$120,000 Other Funds revenue annually toward the education and outreach work. ODA anticipates the costs to fulfill the education and outreach requirements are \$75,000, which is paid for through these fees.

OSU estimates a fiscal impact of approximately \$250,000 for developing educational and outreach activities for both pollinator health and pesticide use. OSU reports that this work can be accomplished within the additional \$14 million above current service level provided to the Statewide Public Service Programs in the Co-Chair Budget for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.