

HB 2058 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates the reexamination administration fee for pesticide applicator and pesticide consultant licensure applicants.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Pesticide applicators and consultants are required to obtain a license in Oregon for pesticide application on public or private land not owned by the applicator or their employer, or for the purchase, application, supervision of use, or advising on use of Restricted Use Pesticides. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) licenses pesticide applicators and consultants after they successfully pass examinations, pay a licensure fee, and fulfill other requirements.

When an applicant fails an examination, the applicant currently pays a \$5 fee to ODA for reimbursement of administrative costs for each reexamination. In recent years, ODA has switched from ODA staff-administered paper exams to online examinations administered through outsider service providers in partnership with community colleges and universities. There is currently minimal cost to ODA for reexamination administration.

House Bill 2058 would eliminate the reexamination administration fee for pesticide applicator and pesticide consultant licensure applicants.