



HB 2058: Rescind Examination Retake Fees

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Description

- Removes ORS 634.122(7) which states: “Each person who has failed to receive a passing grade or for other reasons was not issued a license as a result of an examination or reexamination given by the department, shall pay \$5 to partially reimburse the department for its costs to administer each reexamination to the applicant.”

Background

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) licenses pesticide applicators after they successfully pass pertinent pesticide applicator examinations, pay a licensing fee, and fulfill other requirements. Previously, ODA staff directly administered paper exams; however, for several years ODA has only offered online examinations through community colleges and universities through an outside service provider. An artifact remains in statute which requires ODA to charge a \$5.00 retake fee for every unsuccessful exam attempt.

Eliminating this statutory provision would streamline the process for applicators to obtain ODA pesticide licenses and would also remove the administrative burden to ODA to collect this additional fee. The outside service provider which administers ODA online examinations already charges a fee for each examination.

Stakeholder Outreach

ODA has reached out to stakeholders and there is overwhelming support to remove this exam retake fee.