

HB 2058 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates \$5 reexamination fee for person who fail to receive a passing grade or who are for other reasons not issued a pesticide applicators license to reimburse Oregon Department of Agriculture for costs to administer reexamination. Applies to reexaminations given on or after effective date of Act.

No fiscal or revenue impact

House vote: Passed. Ayes, 58; Nays, 1--Holvey; Absent, 1--Prusak

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Exams are currently offered through outside service provider
- Expense of collecting exam retake fee exceeds fee revenue

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Pesticide applicators and consultants are required to obtain a license in Oregon for buying, applying, or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides; advising others on the use of such pesticides; and applying pesticides to someone else's property. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) licenses pesticide applicators and consultants after they successfully pass the required examination, pay a licensure fee, and fulfill other requirements.

When an applicant fails an examination, the applicant currently pays the third-party testing service that administers the reexamination, and also pays a \$5 fee to ODA. Prior to 2012, ODA administered the reexaminations, and the \$5 fee provided reimbursement for the administrative costs of each reexamination. Since 2012, ODA has switched from ODA staff-administered paper exams to online examinations administered through outsider service providers in partnership with community colleges and universities.

House Bill 2058 would eliminate the ODA reexamination administrative fee for pesticide applicator licensing.