

HB 2687 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies definitions of 'public applicator' and 'public trainee' to include federally recognized Indian tribes for the purposes of pesticide control statutes. Authorizes the Oregon Department of Agriculture to issue public applicator licenses and public trainee certificates to employees of federally recognized Indian tribes for purposes of pesticide application on certain lands adjacent to tribal lands. Specifies conditions under which a federally recognized Indian tribe is not required to obtain a license as a pesticide operator. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Individuals and businesses must be licensed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) prior to performing certain pesticide-related activities. There are different types of licenses depending on the employer of the operator and the type of pesticides. Obtaining a license involves a combination of exams, experience, and insurance requirements. On tribal land, pesticide regulations are enforced by a tribal designee or by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

House Bill 2687 would authorize ODA to issue public pesticide applicator licenses and public trainee certificates to employees of federally recognized Indian tribes and would establish conditions under which no such license is needed.