

# House Bill 2610

Sponsored by Representative MCLAIN, Senators SOLLMAN, HANSELL; Representatives GAMBA, HUDSON, NELSON, SCHARF (at the request of Oregonians for Food and Shelter) (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon State University to research reduced-risk pest management tools for Oregon's specialty crops and report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2027.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to research on pest management tools for Oregon's specialty crops; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

4 Whereas Oregon is a specialty crop state with over 240 commodities produced; and

5 Whereas specialty crops are considered minor markets and the development of pest management  
6 tools and technology for specialty crops is not usually the objective of the private sector; and

7 Whereas since 1963, the United States Department of Agriculture's Interregional Research  
8 Project Number 4 has been the major program for supplying pest management tools for specialty  
9 crop growers by developing research data to support new Environmental Protection Agency toler-  
10 ances and labeled product uses; and

11 Whereas researching and identifying improved, reduced-risk pest management tools is critical  
12 to the operational and economic viability of Oregon's crops and the health of Oregon's workers and  
13 environment; now, therefore,

14 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

15 **SECTION 1. (1) Oregon State University, in cooperation with the United States Depart-**  
16 **ment of Agriculture's Interregional Research Project Number 4, shall research and identify**  
17 **reduced-risk pest management tools that are effective against major economic pests of im-**  
18 **portance to Oregon's specialty crop industries. In conducting the research, the university**  
19 **shall consult broadly with agricultural stakeholders to design trials that address priority**  
20 **crops and pests.**

21 **(2) No later than September 15, 2027, the university shall report to the interim commit-**  
22 **tees of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture in the manner provided under ORS**  
23 **192.245 on the results of the research conducted under subsection (1) of this section.**

24 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
25 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Committee for the biennium beginning July 1,**  
26 **2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000, for distribution to Oregon State**  
27 **University for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

28 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
29 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
30 **on its passage.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

