

House Bill 3098

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND WATER (at the request of Representative Ken Helm)

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 State Department of Agriculture, in consultation with Pesticide Analytical and Response Center, to establish farmworker outreach program. Appropriates moneys to department to implement program.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to a farmworker pesticide outreach program; and prescribing an effective date.

2 Whereas the Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC) was created by executive order
3 in 1978 and was reauthorized by statute under the State Department of Agriculture in 1991; and

4 Whereas the eight member-agencies of PARC are the Oregon Health Authority, the State De-
5 partment of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Forestry De-
6 partment, the Occupational Safety and Health Division of the Department of Consumer and Business
7 Services, the Department of the State Fire Marshal, the Poison Control and Drug Information Pro-
8 gram of the Oregon Health and Science University and the State Department of Agriculture; and

9 Whereas PARC serves as a single point of contact for pesticide concerns and incidents; and

10 Whereas calls to PARC are accepted 24 hours a day via the statewide 2-1-1 system and callers
11 receive a response from PARC within one business day; and

12 Whereas Oregon state agencies lack programming for direct and sustained engagement with
13 farmworkers regarding pesticide use and incidents; now, therefore,

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

15 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 634.**

16 **SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Pesticide**
17 **Analytical and Response Center, shall establish a farmworker outreach program. The pur-**
18 **poses of the program are to:**

19 (a) **Conduct outreach and distribute to farmworkers educational materials related to safe**
20 **pesticide use, health and environmental incidents involving pesticides and procedures for**
21 **reporting pesticide incidents; and**

22 (b) **Coordinate actions among the public bodies represented by the public officials listed**
23 **in ORS 634.550 to improve the effectiveness of farmworker pesticide incident reporting,**
24 **tracking and responses.**

25 (2) **Outreach under the program shall be conducted:**

26 (a) **At locations that are at or near the places where farmworkers work or ordinarily**
27 **gather; and**

28 (b) **In a culturally sensitive manner.**

29 (3) **The department and center shall collaborate with Oregon State University to develop**

30 **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.

1 **culturally sensitive education and training for pesticide applicators who are nonnative Eng-**
2 **lish speakers or members of a minority group. Materials developed under this section shall**
3 **include clear instructions for pesticide incident reporting.**

4 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
5 **ated to the State Department of Agriculture, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out**
6 **of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000, which may be expended for the purpose of**
7 **carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

8 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
9 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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