

HB 3010 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$744,124 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Oregon State University (OSU), in order for OSU to, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, develop a statewide program of Spanish language pesticide education. The measure takes effect on the 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

Detailed Analysis

Requires Oregon State University (OSU), in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, to develop a statewide program of Spanish language pesticide education, consistent with existing pesticide-related instruction courses and study programs, for the following:

- Pesticide consultants;
- Operators;
- Applicators (commercial, noncommercial, and private);
- Trainees.

Minimum content requirements for **instruction** provided in Spanish

- Worker protection standards as established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Best practices to protect water quality
- Practices for the safe handling of pesticides to protect worker health and the environment

Minimum content requirements for **educational materials** provided in Spanish

- Training materials
- Study guides
- Web-based content

Appropriation

Appropriates \$744, 124 General fund moneys to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Oregon State University for implementation.

Effective Date

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 The amendment specifies that the developed education material must be culturally appropriate and adds an implementation requirement. It also specifies the appropriation to be distributed to the Oregon State University Extension **Service Pesticide Safety Education Program**.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) to reduce the risk of pesticide poisoning among agricultural workers and pesticide handlers. In Oregon, OSHA enforces the WPS, which mandates that agricultural workers and pesticide handlers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses receive annual training and certification (or re-certification). Programs like the Pesticide Safety Education Program, managed by the Oregon State University Extension, provide this training and educational material. Currently, these resources are only available in English.