

HB 3194 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes joint and several liability for landowners and farmworker camp operators who violate farmworker camp operator requirements and duties unless the landowner proves they delegated camp operations to a licensed and compliant operator and had no actual knowledge or reason to know of noncompliance. The measure also increases the minimum damages recoverable for violations of farmworker camp regulations from \$500 to \$2,000.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law regulates farmworker camps to ensure safe living conditions for agricultural workers. Under current law, farmworker camp operators must meet licensing and compliance requirements. House Bill 3194 clarifies that both landowners and operators share liability unless the landowner can demonstrate they exercised due diligence in verifying compliance and had no knowledge or reason to know of violations. The bill also increases financial penalties for violations.