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Bill Title: Relating to pesticide education; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Agriculture, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Higher Education Coordinating Commission	\$ 744,124	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 744,124	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 744,124	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 744,124	-	-

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Measure Description

The measure directs the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), to develop and implement a statewide culturally appropriate Spanish-language pesticide education program. The program must align with OSU’s existing pesticide safety education efforts and follow requirements under ORS 634.306. Educational materials and instruction must include, at a minimum, the Worker Protection Standard set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), best practices for water quality protection, and other safe handling methods to protect worker health and the environment.

The measure also specifies that Spanish-language training materials must include study guides, training modules, and web-based resources. Additionally, there is \$744,124 General Fund appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for the 2025-27 biennium, to be distributed to the OSU Extension Service Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) for implementing the program.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$744,124 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium.

Department of Agriculture

The Natural Resources division within ODA administers the Pesticides Program which registers pesticides, reviews labels, issues special local need labels, certifies and licenses pesticide operators and applicators, accredits continuing education courses, and provides compliance assistance.

In accordance with the measure’s directives, ODA will collaborate with the OSU Extension Service to support a statewide program of culturally appropriate Spanish language pesticide education for farmworkers, pesticide

consultants, operators, applicators, noncommercial applicators, private applicators, and trainees. ODA will assist in reviewing current Pesticides Program materials and ensure best practices for water quality protection and safe pesticide handling are incorporated.

ODA anticipates professional services such as language translation, graphic design, and web-based content creation will be funded and managed by OSU. The work required under this measure can be absorbed within existing agency resources, resulting in a minimal fiscal impact for ODA.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

The measure includes a one-time appropriation of \$744,214 General Fund to HECC for distribution to the OSU Extension Service Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) to support Spanish-language pesticide education, the Worker Protection Standard set by EPA, best practices for water quality protection, and other safe handling methods to protect worker health and the environment.

The OSU Extension Service currently provides pesticide safety education in collaboration with the ODA, including classes emphasizing compliance with the EPA's Worker Protection Standard. PSEP offers these resources in both English and Spanish. The measure's additional funding will allow OSU to hire two new positions to deliver more extensive training to agricultural employers and licensed pesticide applicators statewide.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.