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Bill Title: Relating to labor standards for agricultural workers; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: 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	\$ 616,791	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 616,791	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 616,791	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 616,791	-	-
2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Higher Education Coordinating Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordination Commission (HECC) to transfer to Portland State University's (PSU) Center for Public Service. The Center is directed to complete a study on the working conditions and labor standards for farmworkers in Oregon and with determining if current workplace protections are sufficient. The Center for Public Service must submit its initial report to the Legislature by May 1, 2026, an updated report by September 1, 2026, and its final report by December 1, 2026.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$616,791 General Fund. HECC will distribute this pass-through funding to PSU to support the study.

To conduct the study, PSU will require \$367,007 General Fund to engage three existing faculty members to provide oversight, guidance, and subject matter expertise. Additionally, PSU will hire three new staff members to serve a senior research assistant, program manager and an administrative support specialist. Three graduate assistants will also be hired to assist with the development of surveys and scripts for interviews and focus groups as well as assist with data collection and facilitation. PSU will require \$143,694 General Fund for services and supplies, including but not limited to, operating materials and travel expenses. To recruit study participants, PSU will contract with 20 community-based organizations with connections to the farmworker community. An additional \$106,090 General Fund will be needed to provide incentives for survey, interview and focus group participants.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

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The measure is repealed on January 2, 2027.