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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	\$ 784,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 784,214	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 784,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 784,214	-	-

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Measure Description

The measure appropriates \$744,124 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for the 2025-27 biennium to distribute to the Oregon State University Extension Service Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) for program implementation, and an additional \$40,000 General Fund for outreach and publicizing the Spanish-language precertification training program statewide through Extension Service offices.

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

By December 31, 2025, OSU must complete the development of a Spanish-language version of its online pesticide precertification training program. Upon completion, OSU and ODA must publicize the program and make it accessible through Extension offices and outreach efforts. Spanish-language materials must include study guides, training modules, and web-based resources. These provisions are repealed on January 2, 2028.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is estimated to be \$784,214 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium.

Department of Agriculture

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

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 use existing staff and resources to 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.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

The measure includes a one-time appropriation of \$744,124 General Fund to HECC for distribution to the OSU Extension Service Pesticide Safety Education Program to support Spanish-language pesticide education, including the EPA Worker Protection Standard, water quality best practices, and safe handling methods. An additional one-time \$40,000 General Fund is appropriated to HECC for distribution to OSU to complete and publicize the Spanish-language version of the online pesticide precertification training program.

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

By December 31, 2025, OSU, in cooperation with ODA, must complete a Spanish-language version of its online pesticide precertification training program.

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