

HB 3010 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

Action Date: 03/31/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 6-3-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Hartman, Helm, Marsh, McDonald, McLain, Owens

Nays: 3 - Boice, Levy B, Scharf

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/27, 3/24, 3/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates funding to complete the development of the Spanish language version of the online precertification training program offered by the Oregon State University (OSU) Pesticide Safety Education Program. It further appropriates funding for OSU to, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, develop and implement a statewide program of culturally appropriate Spanish language pesticide education. It declares an emergency and takes effect on its passage.

Detailed Summary:

Requires Oregon State University (OSU) in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to, by December 31, 2025, complete the Spanish language version of the online precertification training program offered by the OSU Pesticide Safety Education Program, publicize the availability of the program through the OSU Extension Service and ODA's regular outreach efforts, and provide information about it to any interested person. Further requires OSU, in cooperation with ODA, to develop and implement a statewide program of culturally appropriate Spanish language pesticide education, consistent with existing pesticide-related instruction courses and study programs, for the following:

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

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

- Worker protection standards 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

Appropriations

- Appropriates \$40,000 General Fund moneys to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for distribution to Oregon State University (OSU) for completing the Spanish language version of the online

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precertification training program.

- Appropriates \$744,124 General Fund moneys to HECC for distribution to OSU for implementing Spanish language pesticide education program.

Effective Date and Sunset

Declares emergency, effective on passage. Sunsets the provisions related to the Spanish language version of the program requirements on January 2, 2028

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Origin of the measure
- Current training requirements at the state and federal level
- Existing Spanish language training materials

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment specifies that the developed education material must be culturally appropriate, includes farmworkers in the intended target audience, be implemented as part of the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service's pesticide safety education program, and adds an implementation requirement. It specifies the appropriation to be distributed from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to the OSU Extension Service Pesticide Safety Education Program. Additionally, the amendment requires OSU in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to, by December 31, 2025, complete the Spanish language version of the online precertification training program offered by the OSU Pesticide Safety Education Program, publicize the availability of the program through the OSU Extension Service and ODA's regular outreach efforts, and provide information about it to any interested person. The amendment appropriates \$40,000 from the General Fund to HECC for distribution to OSU for implementation. The amendment sunsets the provisions related to the completion of the Spanish language version of the program requirements on January 2, 2028. It declares an emergency and takes effect on its passage.

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. The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration enforces the WPS in Oregon, 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.