

HB 3194 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/08/25

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Rules.

Vote: 6-2-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Andersen, Chaichi, Chotzen, Kropf, Mannix, Tran

Nays: 2 - Lewis, Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 2/27, 3/10, 4/8

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. The measure also increases the minimum damages recoverable for violations of farmworker camp regulations from \$500 to \$2,000.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Work session for the purpose of sending the measure to the committee on Rules

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.