

House Bill 2314

Sponsored by Representative MANNIX; Representatives SCHARF, WRIGHT (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells ODA and DCBS to agree to let ODA enforce rules relating to farmworker housing. The Act takes effect 91 days after sine die. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.7).

Directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services and the State Department of Agriculture to enter into a memorandum of understanding for the administration and enforcement of the safety and health standards for agricultural labor housing.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a memorandum of understanding concerning oversight of agricultural labor housing
3 standards; and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 654.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) No later than January 2, 2026, the Department of Consumer and Business**
7 **Services and the State Department of Agriculture shall enter into a memorandum of under-**
8 **standing that addresses the administration and enforcement of the safety and health stan-**
9 **dards for agricultural labor housing contained in this chapter. The terms of the**
10 **memorandum of understanding must be consistent with the obligations of this state under**
11 **the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) and the pur-**
12 **poses described in ORS 654.003. Subject to the terms of the memorandum of understanding**
13 **and to oversight by the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the State Depart-**
14 **ment of Agriculture may perform any function of the Department of Consumer and Business**
15 **Services under this chapter that relates to the safety and health standards for agricultural**
16 **labor housing, including but not limited to the issuance of permits, establishment of fees,**
17 **entry and inspection of premises and assessment of civil penalties.**

18 **(2) The Department of Consumer and Business Services and the State Department of**
19 **Agriculture shall consider the following when entering into a memorandum of understanding**
20 **under subsection (1) of this section:**

21 **(a) The use of voluntary measures, including education, demonstration projects and in-**
22 **centives, if practicable and reasonably expected to be effective in helping to carry out regu-**
23 **latory requirements relating to the health and safety standards for agricultural labor**
24 **housing.**

25 **(b) The desirability of having the State Department of Agriculture serve as the lead**
26 **agency responsible for the administration and enforcement of the safety and health stan-**
27 **dards for agricultural labor housing.**

28 **(c) The importance of, and public interest in, eliminating poor health and safety condi-**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 tions in agricultural labor housing as a means of protecting against negative impacts to the
2 environment.

3 (3) In adopting rules subject to the memorandum of understanding required by subsection
4 (1) of this section, the Department of Consumer and Business Services and the State De-
5 partment of Agriculture shall consult with each other.

6 SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
7 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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