

House Bill 3640

Sponsored by Representative HELFRICH

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act makes new laws with respect to the registration of farm worker housing. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.9).

Requires that rules adopted by the Department of Consumer and Business Services with respect to the registration of farmworker camps be consistent with federal regulations governing farmworker housing health and safety standards.

Directs the department to register farmworker camps that comply with certain federal regulations.

Becomes operative on January 1, 2028.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to farmworker camp registration; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 658.750.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 658.750 is amended to read:

5 658.750. (1) Every farmworker camp operator shall register with the Department of Consumer
6 and Business Services each farmworker camp operated by the operator.

7 (2) The department shall establish, by rule, procedures for annual registration of farmworker
8 camps. The department may adopt any other rule necessary to implement the provisions of ORS
9 658.705 to 658.850. **Rules adopted under this subsection must be consistent with federal regu-**
10 **lations governing health and safety standards for farmworker housing promulgated by the**
11 **Employment and Training Administration and the Occupational Safety and Health Adminis-**
12 **tration of the United States Department of Labor.**

13 (3) Upon receipt of an initial application for registration, the department shall conduct a pre-
14 occupancy consultation with the operator of the farmworker camp if:

15 (a) The camp was not registered with the department prior to January 1, 1989, and has not been
16 registered with the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries or the Director of the De-
17 partment of Consumer and Business Services in a prior year; or

18 (b) The camp operator requests a consultation.

19 (4) **The department shall register the camp** if the department has determined that the health
20 and safety conditions existing at the camp are [*not*] in conformance with [*the rules of the department,*
21 *the department shall not register the camp until the department determines that the camp has been*
22 *brought into compliance.*] **federal regulations governing health and safety standards as follows:**

23 (a) **A farmworker camp with housing the construction of which was begun on or after**
24 **April 3, 1980, and that was not under a contract for construction as of March 4, 1980, must**
25 **comply with the health and safety standards promulgated by the Occupational Safety and**
26 **Health Administration of the United States Department of Labor under 29 C.F.R. part**
27 **1910.142, as in effect on January 1, 2025.**

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 **(b) A farmworker camp with housing the construction of which was completed or in**
2 **progress prior to April 3, 1980, or that was under a contract for construction prior to March**
3 **4, 1980, must comply with either the health and safety standards described under paragraph**
4 **(a) of this subsection or with the health and safety standards promulgated by the Employ-**
5 **ment and Training Administration of the United States Department of Labor under 20 C.F.R.**
6 **part 654.404 et seq., as in effect on January 1, 2025.**

7 (5) Upon registration of a camp, the department shall transmit a copy of the registration to the
8 Bureau of Labor and Industries.

9 (6) The department shall compile periodically a list of all registered camps and make the list
10 available to the bureau and other interested persons.

11 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 658.750 by section 1 of this 2025 Act become oper-**
12 **ative on January 1, 2028.**