



## YES ON HB 3010

### Spanish-Language Pesticide Education

HB 3010 allocates state general funds (\$744,124 per biennium for 2 FTE) to Oregon State University’s Pesticide Safety and Education Program to implement a statewide program of Spanish language, culturally appropriate, pesticide education. The Program is designed for pesticide consultants, operators, applicators, noncommercial applicators, private applicators, and farmworkers. This program will focus on Worker Protection Standards and pesticide handler training for Spanish speaking agricultural employees across the state.

Introduced at the request of the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, HB 3010 will provide equity and safety for pesticide safety and applicant training and aims to address current disparities at the state level faced primarily by the Spanish-speaking agricultural workforce in Oregon.

Oregon’s agricultural workforce is predominantly Latino and Spanish-speaking, but the lack of state lead Spanish-language pesticide safety educational resources affects the ability of people to safeguard themselves from pesticide exposure, understand regulatory requirements, and ensure environmental protection. By allocating funds to OSU’s PSEP for this initiative, Oregon can begin to establish a Spanish-language pesticide education program that mirrors successful models in other states.

**HB 3010 supports Oregon agriculture, its labor force, environmental protection, workforce development, and state regulatory agencies and is crucial for maintaining regulatory compliance, protecting health and safety, and supporting the state’s agricultural economy and environment.**