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Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, and Member of the Committee
House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

RE: SUPPORT for HB 3010 - Bilingual Pesticide Safety Education and Training

On behalf of the Oregon Seed Council (OSC), thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 3010.

The Oregon Seed Council is a trade organization that advocates for seed farmers, marketers, brokers, researchers, and others involved in the Oregon seed industry. Through our membership, the Oregon Seed Council represents approximately 1,300 grass, legume, and specialty seed growers in Oregon.

HB 3010 allocates \$744,124 per biennium in state General Fund dollars for two full-time equivalent employees to Oregon State University's (OSU) Pesticide Safety and Education Program (PSEP) to implement a statewide program of Spanish language, culturally appropriate, pesticide education.

Oregon's agricultural workforce is predominantly Latino and Spanish-speaking, but there is currently a lack of state-led Spanish-language pesticide safety educational resources. Development of such resources is crucial for protecting agricultural worker health and safety, maintaining regulatory compliance, and supporting the state's agricultural economy and environment.

Oregon Seed Council supports allocation of funds to OSU PSEP to deliver Spanish-language pesticide education training. This critical investment will enhance worker safety, equity, protect the environment, and ensure regulatory compliance statewide.

Thank you for your consideration of this important investment.

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