74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session **MEASURE: SB 237 CARRIER:** Rep. P. Smith

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

> Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Maurer, Smith P., Roblan Yeas:

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Beth Patrino, Administrator **Prepared By:** 

**Meeting Dates:** 

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the maximum permissible fee paid by pesticide manufacturers or distributors for annual registration of each pesticide, formula or formulation. Allows Oregon Department of Agriculture to use up to \$40 of each fee to implement the pesticide use reporting system between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009.

## ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ODA pesticide program
- What is covered by the term "pesticide"

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) was authorized by the 1973 Legislature to collect up to a maximum of \$120 from pesticide manufacturers and distributors to fund a program that includes pesticide product registration, pesticide user licensing, and compliance monitoring. Over the years, ODA has adjusted their fees under this limit by rule.

With passage of the pesticide use reporting system (PURS), the 1999 Legislature raised the maximum fee to \$130 and allowed the ODA to use up to \$10 of each fee to fund an analytical review needed to implement the program. In 2001, the Legislature raised the maximum registration fee to \$160 and allowed \$40 of each fee to be used to implement PURS for as long as the Legislature appropriates an equivalent amount of money to implement PURS from the General Fund.

SB 237 increases the maximum annual registration fee from \$250 and allows ODA to use up to \$40 of each fee to implement PURS during the period January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009, when PURS is scheduled to sunset.