REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Bates, Beyer, Prozanski, Avakian
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	1/25

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 Jan. 1, 2008 and Dec. 31, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
   •   Fee history
   •   Reporting program components

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 manufactures and distributors to fund a program that includes pesticide product registration, pesticide user licensing, and compliance monitoring. Over the years ODA has, by rule, adjusted their fees under this limit.

With passage of the pesticide use reporting system (PURS), the 1999 Legislature raised the maximum fee to $130, allowing ODA to use $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, allowing up to $40 of each fee to be used by the department to implement PURS for as long as the Legislative Assembly appropriates an equivalent amount of moneys from the General Fund for the system.

Senate Bill 237 increases the maximum annual registration fee from $120 to $250, and allows the department to use up to $40 of each fee to implement the pesticide reporting system (PURS) during the period between Jan. 1, 2008 and Dec. 31, 2009, when PURS is currently scheduled to sunset. An increase in the maximum annual fee will allow ODA to adjust their fee as needed to keep up with increased program expenses over time.

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