

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no 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: 4/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows imposition of civil penalty of up to \$10,000 for violation of pesticide application, sale or labeling laws resulting from gross negligence or willful misconduct. Declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safety of food supply and water
- Incident in eastern Oregon that prompted legislation
- Whether \$10,000 is an appropriate amount

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A recent violation of pesticide use in eastern Oregon raised concern that the current civil penalty does not provide an adequate deterrent in instances where there is gross negligence or willful misconduct related to the use of pesticides.