75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session HB 2999 A **MEASURE:** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY **CARRIER:** Rep. Clem Rep. C. Edwards

House Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Communities

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Meeting Dates: 3/24, 4/16, 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines "fourth level hydrologic unit." Changes requirement for information on location of pesticide use from identification of third level hydrologic unit to fourth level hydrologic unit. Authorizes Department of Agriculture (ODA) to allow, by rule, for pesticide use on a utility or transportation right of way, a report on location of use by identifying fourth level hydrologic unit or by identifying right of way name and beginning and ending point of global positioning system coordinates or milepost numbers. Applies changes to pesticide use location information requirements on pesticide use that occurs on or after January 1, 2013. Extends sunset to January 2, 2016. Prohibits ODA from expending moneys or department resources for purposes of operating or maintaining a pesticide use reporting system from October 1, 2009 until June 30, 2011. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Pesticide use reporting system annual report
- Location information requirement
- Difficulty in reporting right of way pesticide applications by fourth level hydrologic unit

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: The pesticide-use reporting system was originally established by the 1999 Oregon Legislative Assembly requiring all persons applying pesticides in the course of business, for a government agency or in a public place to report that use online. No other reporting method is allowed under the law. The information reported includes: date of application, site, specific site, product and amount, and purpose. This information is then converted to pounds-active ingredient and provided to the Legislative Assembly and the public in the form of an annual report.