

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng. Measure (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder

Nays: Atkinson

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/15, 5/19

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 June 30, 2019. 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:

- Extend sunset to compensate for amount of time that the program is placed on hold
- Watershed level data will result in more geographically precise information

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Extends sunset of Act until June 30, 2019.

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.