

75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Education

MEASURE:
CARRIER:

**** REVISED ****
SB 637 B
Rep. Harker

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Roblan, Sprenger, VanOrman, Gelser
Nays:	Maurer, Thatcher
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Kevin Christiansen, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	5/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires school governing body to adopt an integrated pest management plan (IPM) for use on campuses of schools no later than July 1, 2012. Requires school governing body to designate IPM plan coordinator for governed schools. Specifies duties of plan coordinator. Authorizes plan coordinator to declare existence of a pest emergency. Requires school governing body to adopt list of low-impact pesticides for use with IPM plan. Requires school governing body to adopt policies ensuring that the plan coordinator, or designee, gives written notice of proposed pesticide application at a campus to, at a minimum, parents and guardians of minor students, adult students, school administrators, faculty and staff members. Prohibits application of a pesticide under certain circumstances to an area of campus where the school expects students to be present. Requires that the application of a germicide, disinfectant, sanitizer, deodorizer, antimicrobial agent or insecticidal soap must be consistent with the goal of the IMP. Specifies contents of notice and length of time notice must be provided before application or pesticide or after emergency application of pesticide. Requires warning signs be placed around pesticide application areas. Requires record keeping of pesticide application at a campus. Charges Oregon State University Extension Service, in cooperation with Department of Human Services, to develop one or more model integrated pest management plans for schools by January 2, 2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- IMP plans as a responsible approach to pest management
- Effective date for the plans to be in place for Oregon schools is July 1, 2012
- Impact of the proposed -7 amendments on the measure and the likelihood that other issues related to pesticide management will be addressed in the 2011 Legislative Session
- What options are available to parents to respond to the twenty-four hour notice before pesticides are applied
- Potential for an undue burden on school districts to fulfill this measure
- School districts applying pesticides according to the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines
- Necessity of the measure since school districts already apply pesticides when necessary and some even have IMP plans in place
- Measures' requirement that only professional applicators apply pesticides
- Posting specifications in the measure prior to pesticide applications

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires that the application of a germicide, disinfectant, sanitizer, deodorizer, antimicrobial agent or insecticidal soap must be consistent with the goal of the IMP.

BACKGROUND: IPM programs use information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. The information, in combination with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest damage by economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. The IPM approach can be applied to both agricultural and non-agricultural settings, such as the home, garden, and workplace. IPM operates under existing pest management options including, but not limited to, the judicious use of pesticides.

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