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- Oregon's state agencies are responsible for managing a number of severe pest threats and need to apply state-of-the-art science approaches to protect precious habitats, rights of way, farmland and waterways. Every Oregonian is affected by what they do. This bill serves areas we all value: commodity crops, public health and the environment.
 - Oregon State University School of Agriculture has stepped forward with expertise and financial support for State Integrated Pest Management. OSU has a nationally recognized program which is deployed with farmers and in schools in Oregon and around the world. This bill enables experts in the agencies to coordinate their activities, share effective methods, learn from each other and also from OSU, which will apply its considerable research and educational resources to help solve some intractable problems.
 - HB 3364 has a very small fiscal impact, because agencies already devote resources to dealing with pests. IPM should prove to be cost-effective and increase efficiencies. Also the OSU School of Agriculture has pledged \$25,000 to assist with training and technology. This is appropriate because the State IPM Coordinator, a position assigned by the USDA, is a faculty member there. It was not necessary for HB 3364 to be referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.
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