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Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
House District 46
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RE: Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Proposal for the 2013 Legislative Session

Dear Representative Keny-Guyer:

The College of Agricultural Sciences supports the State IPM Coordinator's (Professor Paul Jepson, Director of the Integrated Plant Protection Center (IPPC)) draft proposal for coordination of IPM among state agencies. This proposal builds upon a 2010 survey undertaken by the IPPC and the Invasive Species Council, under the direction of the Environment and Water Committee. The survey revealed deficiencies in training, coordination, and implementation of IPM programs under the authority of state agencies, and a lack of agreed metrics for assessing the conduct and impact of these programs. The proposal provides a mechanism to address these deficiencies leading to significant improvements in program management and impacts over time.

We understand that a Bill, based upon the proposal for coordination, may be considered in the 2013 legislative session. The Bill, as currently drafted, specifies a 10% commitment of FTE by the State IPM Coordinator, to lead the development of metrics for IPM adoption and impact, which would ultimately be reported back to the legislature. Professor Jepson has developed a resource plan that would enable him to undertake these duties which we support. Key components of the plan include:

- 1) The College of Agricultural Sciences will support an allocation of 10% of Professor Jepson's appointment to this important function from within existing resources. These duties lie within the scope of responsibilities for the State IPM Coordinator.
- 2) Additional costs of coordination and reporting could be met through a combination of state, OSU and external grant resources as follows.

- a. The College of Agricultural Sciences would match up to \$25,000 per biennium from the state to provide IPPC with basic resources for a computer server, database development, data analysis and reporting of approved IPM metrics.
- b. The College of Agricultural Sciences, your office and the Governor's Office will provide letters of support for an additional \$50,000 per biennium from USDA, as a part of the Extension IPM Coordination grant program proposal that Professor Jepson will submit in April 2013. This funding would contribute to training costs, staff time to support development and testing of IPM metrics, and the development and delivery of some of the specialized training that may be required.

Oregon State University is proud of the nationally and internationally-recognized leadership in IPM provided by the IPPC. We look forward to working collaboratively with state agencies and the legislature in developing and implementing technologically advanced IPM in the face of increasing pest threats to natural and managed landscapes, rights of way, commerce, and state properties.

Sincerely,



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