A-Engrossed Senate Bill 800

Ordered by the Senate April 22 Including Senate Amendments dated April 22

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Requires reporting of commercial or governmental pesticide applications to Department of Environmental Quality. Requires department to make copy of reported information available to state agencies and local governments upon request. Allows department to charge reasonable fee for providing reported information.]

Requires task force appointed by Governor to study and make recommendations regarding whether state and local governments should be required to report pesticide applications. Requires task force to report findings and recommendations to Governor and to legislative committee dealing with agriculture no later than October 1, 2014.

Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2015 regular session of Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to pesticide application reporting; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Local government" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.116.
- (b) "Pesticide," "public applicator" and "public trainee" have the meanings given those terms in ORS 634.006.
- (2) The Task Force on Pesticide Application Reporting is established, consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor.
- (3) The task force shall study and develop recommendations regarding whether state and local governments should be required to report pesticide applications by public applicators or public trainees. If the task force recommends that reporting be required, the task force shall also make recommendations regarding what information should be reported, how a reporting system should be structured and administered and how the reported information should be used and made available.
- (4) The task force may take testimony, review the structure and features of existing record keeping and reporting systems, review state agency records regarding pesticide applications to public lands, review environmental data and take any other reasonable actions to allow the task force to carry out its work.
- (5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force.

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- (7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
- (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
- (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task force.
 - (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
- (11) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly dealing with agriculture in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than October 1, 2014.
 - (12) The State Department of Agriculture shall provide staff support to the task force.
- (13) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture for purposes of the task force.
- (14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.
- SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2015 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.
- <u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.