

REVENUE: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates:	2/11, 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Oregon State University, in consultation with Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), to develop educational materials on best practices to avoid adverse effects from pesticides on populations of bees and other pollinating insects. Describes materials. Requires ODA to make materials part of education required for pesticide applicator license examination. Creates Task Force on Pollinator Health comprised of 10 members. Directs Task Force to examine issues relevant to pollinator health and report to interim legislative committee related to agriculture no later than October 1, 2014. Directs Legislative Administration Committee to provide staff support. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Bee die off incidents last year and ODA response
- Use of pesticides by home gardeners
- Potential language barriers on pesticide labels; new federal labelling requirements

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: In mid-June 2013, at least 25,000 bees were found dead in a Target parking lot in Wilsonville, Oregon. The Department of Agriculture (ODA) concluded that the bee deaths were directly related to a pesticide application on linden trees to control aphids. The pesticide involved in this incident is dinotefuran. ODA has adopted permanent restrictions on the use of certain pesticide products containing dinotefuran and imidacloprid. As a condition of annual registration for 2014, ODA is requiring an Oregon-specific label statement on dinotefuran and imidacloprid products for use on plants. As of January 1, 2014, the labels on these products distributed into Oregon will prohibit application on linden, basswood, or Tilia species.

House Bill 4139 A would direct Oregon State University, in consultation with ODA, to develop educational materials on best practices to avoid adverse effects from pesticides on pollinators and establish the Task Force on Pollinator Health.