

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires State Department of Agriculture (Department) to adopt rules prohibiting application of pesticide products containing nitro-group neonicotinoids within 180 days of effective date of measure. Creates exceptions. Allows Department to create additional exceptions. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Neonicotinoids are a type of insecticide commonly used in Oregon. Neonicotinoids can be applied to either the plant or soil. Recent research has opened the possibility that neonicotinoids are harmful to pollinators, specifically bees.

Senate Bill 882 would prohibit the application of neonicotinoids with some exceptions.