

HB 3362

Relating to pollinator health

HB 3362 directs Oregon State University to expand the pollinator health program created in HB 4139 in 2014. OSU, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, is to develop a pollinator health outreach and education plan and a pesticide use safety plan to education the public.

The measure appropriates \$50,000 General Fund to the Department of Agriculture to develop a bee incident reporting system as required by the measure and makes changes to apiary fees and pesticide product registration fees to fund the education and outreach work.

Oregon State University reports that the funding for their work can be accomplished within the additional \$14 million provided in the Statewide Public Service Programs budget for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission contained in HB 5024.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 3362 be amended by the -A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.