

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

MEASURE: HCR 9
CARRIER: Rep. Reardon

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/19/15

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 03/19

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Esquivel, Frederick, Gorsek, Krieger, McKeown, McLain, Whitsett, Witt

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes importance of insect pollinators and urges support of programs to ensure safety and vitality of pollinator populations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Vulnerability of pollinator populations from a range of challenges
- Decline in key pollinator populations
- Work towards awareness and improving pollinator health being done by OSU

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's insect-pollinated agricultural economy generates approximately \$600 million per year. Pollinator populations have suffered significant losses over recent years potentially due to complex interactions among multiple stressors, including pests, pathogens, and viruses, poor nutrition, pesticide exposure, bee management practices, and a lack of genetic diversity.

House Concurrent Resolution 9 would recognize the importance of and urge support for programs that benefit pollinators.