

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/07/15**Action:** Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways And Means.**Meeting Dates:** 03/19, 04/07**Vote:**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon State University, in consultation with Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), to develop pollinator health outreach and education plan to educate public on best practices for avoiding adverse effects from pesticides on pollinators. Requires ODA to develop bee incident reporting system. Clarifies bee colony registration fee is required for each application, adds \$0.50 fee per colony, and requires moneys be spent on honeybee and native bee research. Adjusts maximum pesticide application registration fee and requires revenues from fees in excess of \$250 per pesticide be used to fund educational materials and training for best practices for pollinator health. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current available information regarding pollinator health
- Factors relating to colony collapse
- Colony registration fees

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Directs Oregon State University and Oregon Department of Agriculture to develop a pesticide use safety plan. Amends registration information requirements. Directs pollinator research to a focus on honeybees. Removes language directing fees over \$250 to go towards educational materials and training for best practices. Re-establishes maximum registration fee to \$250.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon's insect-pollinated agricultural economy generates approximately \$600 million per year. Pollinator populations have suffered significant losses over recent years 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. Section 1, Chapter 40 of Oregon Laws 2014 requires Oregon State University (OSU), in consultation with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), to develop educational materials regarding best practices for avoiding adverse effects from pesticides on populations of bees and other pollinating insects.

House Bill 3362 A would require OSU to develop a pollinator health outreach and education plan, require ODA to develop a bee incident reporting system, and adjust fees for bee colony and pesticide application registrations.