

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/21/15

**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments, Be Printed Engrossed And Be Referred To Ways And Means By Prior Reference.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/26, 03/31, 04/16, 04/21

**Vote:**

Yeas: 6 - Esquivel, Frederick, Krieger, McKeown, McLain, Witt

Nays: 2 - Barreto, Whitsett

Exc: 1 - Gorsek

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates moneys to Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) for biennium beginning July 1, 2015, to administer ODA pesticide regulation program duties. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Needs for pesticide reporting and coordination
- Existing funding levels for Pesticide Analytical and Response Center

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC) was created by executive order in 1978. The program was reauthorized under the Oregon Department of Agriculture in 1991 under ORS 634.550. The PARC's primary function is to coordinate investigations to collect and analyze information about reported pesticide incidents. Member agencies conduct most of the investigations and take any necessary enforcement action(s). The eight member agencies include the following: Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR OSHA), Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM), Oregon Poison Center (OPC), and the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA).

House Bill 3434 A would appropriate \$2 million to the Oregon Department of Agriculture to fund pesticide programs.