

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 05/05/15

**Action:** Be Adopted.

**Meeting Dates:** 05/05

**Vote:**

Yeas: 3 - Boquist, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum

Exc: 2 - Beyer, Burdick

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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
- Recent pollinator die offs
- Legislative efforts to address pollinator health issues
- Work towards awareness and improving pollinator health being done by Oregon State University

**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.