

HB 2816 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Task Force on Integrated Pest Management (Task Force) to study the coordination of integrated pest management in public universities and state agencies. Directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture to provide staff support for the Task Force. Requires the Task Force submit a report to an interim public health committee of the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2020. Sunsets Task Force on December 31, 2020. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Integrated pest management (IPM) refers to a coordinated, strategic, decision-making process that identifies and uses the most appropriate pest control methods to manage damage with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. Treatments may include biological, cultural, mechanical, or chemical control methods. In addition to treatment applications, IPM strategies include monitoring pre- and post-treatment, evaluation of treatment efficacy, and pest prevention when possible.

In 2013, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 3364, which established the state IPM Coordinating Committee (Committee). The Committee is currently in operation and includes an Oregon State University-appointed State IPM Coordinator, an IPM coordinator from each of ten specified state agencies, an IPM coordinator from each of the seven state public universities, and a representative from the former Oregon University System. The Committee meets periodically to share IPM information, strategies, lessons learned, and threats of common interest. The Committee is legislatively directed to coordinate state IPM efforts with the Invasive Species Council, and to produce a biennial report to be submitted to the Legislative Assembly.

House Bill 2816 would establish the Task Force on Integrated Pest Management for the purpose of studying IPM coordination in public universities and state agencies.