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House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use

Re: Testimony in support of [HB 2816](#)

Although it may not be apparent in the current version, the intent behind HB 2816 is to renew attention on [HB 3364](#), a bill enacted during the 2013 legislative session. HB 3364 established the State Agency Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Committee with the intent to increase coordination among state agencies and to advance IPM. Unfortunately, when the legislature passed HB 3364 it provided no funding for the activities required by the bill. As we currently understand it, HB 2816 seeks to ensure that the resources needed to implement the original bill will flow to Oregon State University. Lack of funding has led to inadequate progress toward the bill's desired outcomes.

Details and information about the State Agency Committee established by the original bill and its efforts, including the Committee's 2018 State Report, and the response to public comments regarding the report, can be found here:
https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/system/files/2018_report_and_comments_state_ipm_coordinating_committee.pdf

Summary of Provisions in HB 3364 (to be included in HB 2816):

1. Promote information exchange among state agencies regarding IPM methods and approaches, best practices, and program successes and challenges;
2. Provide opportunities for sharing information that advance IPM and support pest management innovation;
3. Support agency development of adaptive management approaches to IPM; and
4. Develop and report on performance metrics to evaluate progress in implementing integrated pest management, while protecting the economy and minimizing human and environmental health risks from pests and related management strategies.

We anticipate funding for the implementation of the original HB 3364 will require approximately \$350,000 per biennium. Over the last nine months, OSU has been working with a broad coalition of urban and rural interests including natural

resource industries and environmental and conservation interests from across the state in developing a comprehensive \$30 million funding package for the OSU Statewide Public Service Programs – the Extension Service, Agricultural Experiment Station, and Forest Research Laboratory.

This effort is encompassed in [SB 257](#), which is currently before the Senate Education Committee and is scheduled for a hearing on March 18. I have included a letter of support for this package signed by over 40 organizations. Funding for the IPM activities outlined in the original 2013 bill and in HB 2816, is contained within SB 257. Ultimately this funding will be included in the comprehensive budget for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) which will pass the funding through to OSU.

In sum, OSU supports the intent behind HB 2816 and we look forward to working within the Ways and Means process to ensure that its provisions are fully funded and included in the HECC budget so that the OSU Extension Service and the College of Agricultural Sciences will be able to fully implement the provisions originally enacted in 2013.

I would be happy to address whatever questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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