

HB 2980 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends the pesticide use reporting system sunset date from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2029. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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:

The 1999 Legislative Assembly directed the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to develop a pesticide use reporting system (PURS) to collect, organize, and report information on all categories of pesticide use in Oregon. PURS included an online reporting component for non-household pesticide applicators, and a household pesticide use survey component. The online system was implemented for the first time in 2002, but funding was withdrawn the same year. The system lapsed until 2005, when the legislature approved funding and collected full-year reports for 2006, 2007, and 2008. In 2009, the legislature withdrew funding for PURS again, but extended the system sunset date to June 30, 2019. PURS has not been operational since 2009.

House Bill 2980 would extend the sunset date for the pesticide use reporting system from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2029.