HB 3058 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits the sale, purchase, or use of any pesticide product containing chlorpyrifos. Requires the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) immediately revoke any registration for pesticides containing chlorpyrifos. Defines neonicotinoid. Requires ODA to list pesticide products containing a neonicotinoid as restricted-use pesticides.

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:

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), chlorpyrifos is used primarily to control foliage and soil-borne insect pests on a variety of food and feed crops. Chlorpyrifos has been used in the U.S. since 1965 in both agricultural and non-agricultural settings including corn, soybeans, fruit and nut trees, golf courses, and non-structural wood treatments such as utility poles and fence posts.

Neonicotinoids are a type of insecticide that can be applied to either a plant or soil. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is authorized to establish, maintain, and amend lists of restricted-use pesticides and can restrict their application and use by rule.

House Bill 3058 would prohibit the sale, purchase, or use of any pesticide containing chlorpyrifos and would require ODA to list pesticide products containing neonicotinoid as a restricted-use pesticide.