

SB 853 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits the sale, purchase, or use of any pesticide product containing chlorpyrifos. Requires Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to immediately revoke any registration for pesticide containing chlorpyrifos. Defines neonicotinoid. Requires ODA to list pesticide products containing a neonicotinoid as restricted-use pesticides. Changes pesticide registration fee from \$400 to \$___ for each pesticide, or each formula or formulation. Reduces pesticide operator license fee from \$90 to \$45. Reduces pesticide applicator license fee from \$50 to \$25. Reduces annual license fee for pesticide consultant from \$40 to \$20. Reduces annual license fee for pesticide dealer from \$75 to \$37.50. Reduces private applicator's certificate or renewal fee from \$25 to \$12.50.

Subsequent referral to JWMs

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 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.

Senate Bill 853 would prohibit the sale, purchase, or use of any pesticide containing chlorpyrifos and would require the ODA to list pesticide products containing neonicotinoid as a restricted-use pesticide. The measure would also change or reduce certain fees related to pesticides.