

HB 2816 -1 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, 4/2

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Requires existing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordinating Committee (Committee) track state agency and public university progress on IPM implementation. Requires Committee make meeting dates, agendas, and minutes publicly available. Requires Committee inform the public on the process for submitting feedback or input on agenda items. Requires Committee maintain a website through which the public may comment and provide input on the Committee's biennial report to the legislature for a minimum of 60 days prior to the submission of the report to the legislature. Establishes that the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), rather than the Oregon Department of Agriculture, may accept donated funds on behalf of the committee. Establishes the IPM Fund in the State Treasury, and continuously appropriates moneys to the HECC for the work of the Committee. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die. Committee requirements and IPM Fund establishment become operative on January 1, 2020.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

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.

PRELIMINARY