

HB 2058 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

Carrier: Rep. Boshart Davis

Action Date: 02/19/19

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Boshart Davis, Clem, Helm, McLain, Post, Smith DB, Williams

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/31, 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) reexamination administration fee for applicants for licensing in pesticide trades.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ODA no longer administers these examinations
- It costs ODA more than \$5 to collect the mandatory \$5 exam re-take fee
- Currently, a third-party vendor administers examinations and charges applicants for each test

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Pesticide applicators and consultants are required to obtain a license in Oregon for: buying, applying, or supervising the use of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs); advising others on the use of RUPs; and applying pesticides to someone else's property. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) licenses pesticide applicators and consultants after they successfully pass the required examination, pay a licensure fee, and fulfill other requirements.

When an applicant fails an examination, the applicant currently pays the third-party testing service that administers the reexamination, and also pays a \$5 fee to ODA. Prior to 2012, ODA administered the reexaminations, and the \$5 fee provided reimbursement for the administrative costs of each reexamination. Since 2012, ODA has switched from ODA staff-administered paper exams to online examinations administered through outsider service providers in partnership with community colleges and universities.

House Bill 2058 would eliminate the ODA reexamination administration fee for applicants for licensing in pesticide trades.