

HB 3058 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

Action Date: 04/09/19
Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 5-1-1-0
Yeas: 5 - Clem, McLain, Post, Smith DB, Williams
Nays: 1 - Helm
Exc: 1 - Boshart Davis
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 3/26, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to review the most current scientific data regarding the safety of pesticide products that contain chlorpyrifos. Requires that ODA report findings and recommendations to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2020, and implement warranted restrictions. Sunsets January 2, 2024. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Pesticide regulation in Oregon
- Legislative versus agency decision-making on specific product usage
- Known health and environmental impacts of chlorpyrifos
- Availability of alternative products
- Integrated pest management
- 2018 Circuit Court of Appeals order to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to ban all sales and uses chlorpyrifos

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, chlorpyrifos is an organophosphate pesticide used primarily to control foliage and soil-borne insect pests on a variety of food and feed crops. Chlorpyrifos has been used since 1965 in both agricultural and non-agricultural settings. Agricultural uses include corn, soybean, broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, other row crops, and fruit and nut tree production. Non-agricultural uses include golf courses, turf, greenhouses, and non-structural wood treatments for utility poles and fence posts.

House Bill 3058 A would direct the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to review the most current scientific data regarding the safety of pesticide products that contain chlorpyrifos, report findings and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2020, and implement warranted restrictions.