House Bill 2493

Sponsored by Representative HOLVEY; Representatives SANCHEZ, WILDE (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Prohibits aerial application of pesticide to land within watershed of McKenzie River or its tributaries or of Santiam River or its tributaries. Creates exceptions for applications ordered or otherwise authorized by State Department of Agriculture or State Forestry Department due to pest infestation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the aerial application of pesticide.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 634.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, “aerial pesticide applicator” means an individual engaging in activities that require a certificate under ORS 634.128.

(2) Except as provided in this section, an aerial pesticide applicator may not make an aerial application of a pesticide to land within the watershed of the McKenzie River or its tributaries or the watershed of the Santiam River or its tributaries.

(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to a pesticide application ordered or otherwise authorized by:

(a) The State Department of Agriculture for the purpose of abating an infestation by a plant pest as provided under ORS 570.105 to 570.190, 570.210 to 570.225, 570.320 to 570.360 or 570.405; or

(b) The State Forestry Department, subject to ORS 527.672, to eliminate an infestation by a pest as provided under ORS 527.310 to 527.370, 530.050 or 530.500.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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