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SUMMARY

Directs State Department of Agriculture, in consultation with Pesticide Analytical and Response Center, to establish farmworker outreach program. Appropriates moneys to department to implement program.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a farmworker pesticide outreach program; and prescribing an
3 effective date.

4 Whereas the Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC) was cre-
5 ated by executive order in 1978 and was reauthorized by statute under the
6 State Department of Agriculture in 1991; and

7 Whereas the eight member-agencies of PARC are the Oregon Health Au-
8 thority, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Envi-
9 ronmental Quality, the State Forestry Department, the Occupational Safety
10 and Health Division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services,
11 the Department of the State Fire Marshal, the Poison Control and Drug In-
12 formation Program of the Oregon Health and Science University and the
13 State Department of Agriculture; and

14 Whereas PARC serves as a single point of contact for pesticide concerns
15 and incidents; and

16 Whereas calls to PARC are accepted 24 hours a day via the statewide
17 2-1-1 system and callers receive a response from PARC within one business
18 day; and

19 Whereas Oregon state agencies lack programming for direct and sustained
20 engagement with farmworkers regarding pesticide use and incidents; now,

1 therefore,

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

3 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part**
4 **of ORS chapter 634.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Agriculture, in consulta-**
6 **tion with the Pesticide Analytical and Response Center, shall establish**
7 **a farmworker outreach program. The purposes of the program are to:**

8 (a) **Conduct outreach and distribute to farmworkers educational**
9 **materials related to safe pesticide use, health and environmental in-**
10 **cidents involving pesticides and procedures for reporting pesticide in-**
11 **cidents; and**

12 (b) **Coordinate actions among the public bodies represented by the**
13 **public officials listed in ORS 634.550 to improve the effectiveness of**
14 **farmworker pesticide incident reporting, tracking and responses.**

15 (2) **Outreach under the program shall be conducted:**

16 (a) **At locations that are at or near the places where farmworkers**
17 **work or ordinarily gather; and**

18 (b) **In a culturally sensitive manner.**

19 (3) **The department and center shall collaborate with Oregon State**
20 **University to develop culturally sensitive education and training for**
21 **pesticide applicators who are nonnative English speakers or members**
22 **of a minority group. Materials developed under this section shall in-**
23 **clude clear instructions for pesticide incident reporting.**

24 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
25 **ation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture,**
26 **for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the**
27 **amount of \$1,000,000, which may be expended for the purpose of car-**
28 **rying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

29 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date**
30 **on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative**
31 **Assembly adjourns sine die.**

