

**HB 3098 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) in consultation with the Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC) to establish an outreach program for distribution of educational materials related to safe pesticide use to farmworkers, and coordination among public bodies to improve the effectiveness of farmworker pesticide incident reporting, tracking, and responses Specifies the modalities of the outreach program. Requires ODA to collaborate with Oregon State University to develop appropriate training materials for pesticide applicators who are nonnative English speakers. Appropriates \$1 million General Fund moneys to ODA for implementation. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine dine.

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Specifies that culturally sensitive outreach must be conducted in languages commonly spoken among the Oregon farmworker population. Requires the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Pesticide Analytical and Response Center to coordinate and consult with persons representing farmworkers, pesticide users, and institutions of higher education to develop program focus areas and culturally sensitive materials.

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC) was created in 1978 and performs multiple functions in regard to pesticide-related incidents in Oregon. Its main function is to coordinate investigations to collect and analyze information about reported incidents. PARC does not have regulatory authority; rather, the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) regulates pesticides for the state. Certain individuals and businesses must be licensed by ODA prior to performing certain pesticide-related activities.

House Bill 3098 would require ODA in consultation with the PARC to establish an outreach program for distribution of educational materials related to safe pesticide use to farmworkers, and coordination among public bodies to improve the effectiveness of farmworker pesticide incident reporting, tracking, and responses.