

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: HB 3098 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

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

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Agriculture, Department of Consumer and Business Services, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Forestry, Department of the State Fire Marshal, Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Health Sciences University

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
<b>Oregon Department of Agriculture</b>		
<b>General Fund</b>		
Personal Services	\$543,012	\$620,586
Services and Supplies	\$238,738	\$221,107
Special Payments	\$100,000	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$105,000	\$0
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$986,750</b>	<b>\$841,693</b>
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$986,750</b>	<b>\$841,693</b>
<i>Total Positions</i>	3	3
<i>Total FTE</i>	2.63	3.00

**Analysis:**

HB 3098 - A directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), in consultation with the Pesticide Analytical Response Center (PARC), to establish a farmworker outreach program. The program is to distribute educational materials related to safe pesticide use, health and environmental incidents involving pesticides and procedures for reporting pesticide incidents; and coordinate actions to improve the effectiveness of farmworker pesticide incident reporting, tracking and responses. ODA and PARC are to collaborate with Oregon State University (OSU) to develop culturally sensitive education and training for pesticide applicators who are nonnative English speakers or members of a minority group. The measure appropriates \$1 million General Fund to ODA to carry out this work; and takes effect on the 91st day after the Legislature adjourns sine die.

Costs to ODA are anticipated to be \$986,750 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium, and \$841,693 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. This includes:

- \$543,012 in personal services costs, to hire three permanent full-time Natural Resource Specialist 3s (each 0.88 FTE in 2023-25, and 1.00 FTE in 2025-27) to interact with farmworkers across the state.
- \$238,738 in services and supplies, which includes position-related services and supplies; \$105,000 for training, outreach materials, and translation services; and \$70,000 for travel costs.

- \$105,000 for a vehicle for each of the new Natural Resource Specialist positions (2023-25 biennium only)
- \$100,000 for a contract with OSU to develop culturally sensitive education and training for nonnative English speakers (2023-25 biennium only)

While the agency does have an existing pesticide program, ODA notes that pesticide program fees are insufficient to fund this program without a fee increase, and the program is close to the statutory cap for fee increases.

There is no or minimal fiscal impact for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Oregon Health Sciences University, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Consumer and Business Services, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Forestry, Department of the State Fire Marshal, and Oregon Health Authority.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its impact on the State's General Fund.