House Bill 2610

Sponsored by Representative MCLAIN, Senators SOLLMAN, HANSELL; Representatives GAMBA, HUDSON, NELSON, SCHARF (at the request of Oregonians for Food and Shelter) (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.

Directs Oregon State University to research reduced-risk pest management tools for Oregon’s specialty crops and report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2027.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to research on pest management tools for Oregon’s specialty crops; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas Oregon is a specialty crop state with over 240 commodities produced; and

Whereas specialty crops are considered minor markets and the development of pest management tools and technology for specialty crops is not usually the objective of the private sector; and

Whereas since 1963, the United States Department of Agriculture’s Interregional Research Project Number 4 has been the major program for supplying pest management tools for specialty crop growers by developing research data to support new Environmental Protection Agency tolerances and labeled product uses; and

Whereas researching and identifying improved, reduced-risk pest management tools is critical to the operational and economic viability of Oregon’s crops and the health of Oregon’s workers and environment; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. (1) Oregon State University, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture’s Interregional Research Project Number 4, shall research and identify reduced-risk pest management tools that are effective against major economic pests of importance to Oregon’s specialty crop industries. In conducting the research, the university shall consult broadly with agricultural stakeholders to design trials that address priority crops and pests.

(2) No later than September 15, 2027, the university shall report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on the results of the research conducted under subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Committee for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $1,000,000, for distribution to Oregon State University for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.

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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