House Bill 3249

Sponsored by Representative BOSHART DAVIS

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 State Department of Agriculture, in consultation with Minor Crops Advisory Committee, to establish grant program to study alternatives to chlorpyrifos. Directs department to report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to agriculture no later than September 15, 2025, on results of studies funded by grant program. Appropriates moneys to department for purposes of funding grant program and report.

Directs Oregon State University, in cooperation with United States Department of Agriculture's Interregional Project Number 4, to research alternatives to chlorpyrifos. Directs university to report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to agriculture no later than September 15, 2025, on results of research. Appropriates moneys to university for purposes of funding research and report.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to research on alternatives to chlorpyrifos; and prescribing an effective date.

Whereas the State Department of Agriculture has issued final rules limiting and eventually phasing out most uses of chlorpyrifos in the state by December 31, 2023; and

Whereas a number of Oregon crops currently lack effective, economically viable and safe alternatives to chlorpyrifos; and

Whereas researching and identifying such alternatives is critical to the operational and economic viability of Oregon's crops; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Minor Crops Advisory Committee created under ORS 634.600, shall establish a grant program to fund research on alternatives to chlorpyrifos. The department and the advisory committee shall consult with the commodity commissions established under ORS 576.051 to 576.455 and Oregon State University to develop priority areas for grant funding. Research funded by the grant program must be completed no later than December 31, 2024.

(2) No later than September 15, 2025, the department 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 funded by the grant program established under subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. (1) Oregon State University, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture's Interregional Project Number 4, shall research alternatives to chlorpyrifos. In conducting the research, the university shall consult broadly with agricultural stakeholders to design trials that address priority crops and pests. Research conducted under this subsection must be completed no later than December 31, 2024.

(2) No later than September 15, 2025, the university shall report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture in the manner provided under ORS

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SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$850,000, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2021 Act.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to Oregon State University, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$400,000, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 5. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.