

COIN Legislative Session Worksheet 2025

Bill Number: [SB747](#)

Brief Description of Bill: This bill would require those with an ownership interest in at least 200 acres of irrigated agricultural land to report annually to the State Department of Agriculture (ODA) the rate of fertilizer measured in pounds per acre that is applied to each field, the type of fertilizer applied, and the crop in each field.

The purpose is to gather data to be able to identify those overapplying fertilizer that results in runoff and contamination of surface water and groundwater. The DEQ would also use this information to reduce air pollution.

There would be technical assistance available to help reduce overapplication and civil penalties could apply.

It is estimated this bill would target 80% of farm land in Oregon. It does not apply to CAFO waste which is already required to be reported.

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1. Research topic – choose which category best fits your bill:

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| ☒ Climate, Energy, Environment | ☐ Housing/Houselessness |
| ☐ Campaign Finance Reform | ☐ Immigration/Social Justice |
| ☐ Healthcare/Gun Safety | ☐ Education |
| ☐ Transportation | ☐ Economics |
| ☐ Criminal Justice | ☐ Other describe: Click or tap here to enter text. |

2. The bill's Legislative champions – Chief Sponsors: Sen. Pham
Regular Sponsors: Sen. Frederick, Golden, Manning, Jr.; Patterson, Taylor, Reps. Gamba, Neron, Ruiz, Valderrama

3. The bill's legislative opponents: Here is a [video of the 2/4 public hearing](#)

And [testimony submitted](#) including farm owners, the Farm Bureau, and a number of farm-related associations in opposition. Even Oregonians for Food and Shelter opposed though that nonprofit has representatives of large corporations on its Board. The reasoning against the bill focused on the added burden of collecting the data and the lack of specificity in the bill as to what constitutes overapplication particularly given the variety of pesticides and crops involved. But this bill purports simply to collect data, not determine what constitutes overapplication. The first step in addressing nitrate contamination is identifying possible sources and it makes sense to find out how much fertilizer, the type and quantity, is being applied.

4. What advocacy groups are supporting this bill and why are they supporting it? Provide contact information if available. (maximum 200 words) Oregon Wild, Oregon Rural Action, Beyond Toxics among others support this bill along with residents in areas like the Umatilla Basin where nitrate contamination threatens drinking water.

5. What groups are opposing this bill and why are they opposing it? (maximum 200 words). See above.

6. Reasons COIN should take a position on this bill. Choose all that apply:

- ☒ **Progressive groups across the state care strongly about this.**
- ☒ **This Bill protects or expands the rights of marginalized populations.**
- ☒ **This bill helps change the structures of the democratic system to make it work better.**
- ☒ **This issue is controlled by the state or states have a great deal of power in it.**
- ☐ **Other**

7. What is the likelihood this bill will pass? Unsure.

8. List the relevant dates concerning the bill(s)-(scheduled committee hearings, votes, lobby days, other scheduled advocacy, phone banks, post card parties, etc). Oregon Rural Action is asking people to contact their legislators in support of this bill. The bill remains in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire.

9. Please list any specific advocacy action you would like COIN to help with, any media contacts that may be helpful or any other important information?