A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to pollinator health; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the Oregon State University Extension Service is an important program to develop and disseminate educational materials regarding best practices for avoiding adverse effects from pesticides on populations of bees and other pollinating insects; and
Whereas funding is necessary to strengthen the Oregon State University Extension Service and to more widely distribute, regularly update and create mobile applications of the Oregon State University publication, “How to Reduce Bee Poisonings from Pesticides”; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The Oregon State University Extension Service shall collaborate with the State Department of Agriculture to expand the program created by section 1, chapter 40, Oregon Laws 2014, by developing and making available to the public best management practices to improve pollinator health for native and managed pollinators in urban, roadside and agricultural areas throughout Oregon.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for Oregon State University, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of $__________, which may be expended for the program expansion described in section 1 of this 2015 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect July 1, 2015.