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DATE: January 12, 2026
TO: AOC Legislative Committee
FROM: Natural Resources Steering Committee
STAFF: Branden Pursinger, AOC Legislative Affairs Manager
SUBJECT: Japanese Beetle Eradication Program Funding

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation of the AOC Natural Resources Steering Committee:
Support the request from Oregon Nurseries Association for \$750k GF appropriation to the Japanese Beetle Eradication Program.

SUMMARY

Over the past nine years, Oregon Department of Agriculture has been working with local communities and governments on a multi-year project to eradicate the Japanese Beetle before they become established in Oregon.

Year	Acres treated	# JB Trapped Blueberry Farm	# JB Trapped Residential
2016	N/A	0	369
2017	~1,000	0	23,480
2018	~2,500	0	17,473
2019	~3,000	0	7,782
2020	~4,000	372	4,118
2021	~4200	793	2,859
2022	~3,500	1,635	1,619
2023	~2,500	5,332	1,067
2024	~1,300	4,119	1,348
2025	~950	1,499	420

In 2025, as shown above, ODA trapped 1,919 beetles, a 65% decrease from the number trapped in 2024; however, most of those catches (~78%) were isolated to a single farm. The most recent treatment concluded in May 2025.

For the past several biennia, the Japanese Beetle Eradication Program has been funded through one-time General Fund or Lottery Fund appropriations by the Legislature, separate from ODAs base budget. During the 2025 legislative session, a bill to continue this funding was not passed and the end of session appropriations bill (X-mas Tree) failed to include funding for this program.

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With the absence of funding, ODA will no longer be continuing the Japanese Beetle Eradication Operation in 2026.

COUNTY NEXUS

Counties provide vector control services in an attempt to alleviate insect issues within their borders.

FISCAL IMPACT

This request does not have a fiscal impact if passed. If the program continues to not have funding, a cost to the county could be incurred for increased vector services.

REVENUE IMPACT

This request does not have a revenue impact.

TIMING

ONA and fellow agricultural organizations will be requesting funding in early 2026 session. AOC will work with ONA on best use of resources.