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Bill Analysis

SB 1261 limits the award of damages to growing crops or plants resulting from a violation of the Combined Pesticide Law to crops or plants that are insurable under the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation program as well as crops or plants that are directly sold by the producer to the consumer. The measure provides that an award of actual damages shall not exceed the amount of compensation a producer has received from proven yield from the affected area or, if the owner has no proven yield, the average yield for the specific crop in the county. Additionally, the measure directs person filing for such damages to indicate if the claim is for damages to an environmentally sensitive crop and registered the crop as environmentally sensitive with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry no fewer than 14 days prior to the date the damages occurred.

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