

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

MEASURE: HB 3382 A
CARRIER: Sen. Edwards

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/03/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 05/11, 06/03

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Edwards, Prozanski, Thomsen

Exc: 1 - Olsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines Willamette Valley Protected District (District). Directs College of Agricultural Sciences (College) at Oregon State University to use field monitoring and research of canola to identify acreages on which canola can be grown within District. Allows State Department of Agriculture (Department) to authorize up to 500 acres for growing canola for commercial purposes within District provided it is on acreage identified by College that was not used for growing canola under chapter 724, Oregon Laws 2013 (Research Area); grown in manner determined to be compatible with growing of other crops; and under same conditions imposed by College for Research Area. Allows Department to assess civil penalty up to \$25,000 against person who grows canola without authorization. Requires Department to develop and report recommendations regarding means for coexistence of production of canola and other crops, including recommendations for legislation, to Legislature no later than November 15, 2018. Requires College to submit specified information for review by experts having sufficient knowledge of vegetable seed production to provide evaluation of research. Requires assessment to include review of published material from certain areas. Sunsets authorization to grow 500 acres of canola for commercial purposes per year in District on January 2, 2020. Extends sunset from January 2, 2019 to July 1, 2019 for law imposing general prohibition on growing of canola in District.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Coexistence of crops and disease risk
- Use of canola as a rotation crop
- Legislative history of canola legislation
- Update on OSU College of Agricultural Sciences canola study

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Stipulates 500 acres for growing canola for commercial purposes grown per year must be on acreage not used for growing canola under chapter 724, Oregon Laws 2013 (Research Area); grown in manner determined to be compatible with growing of other crops; and under same conditions imposed by College of Agriculture Sciences of Oregon State University (College) under Research Area. Requires Department of Agriculture to develop and report recommendations regarding means for coexistence of production of canola and other crops, including recommendations for legislation, to Legislature no later than November 15, 2018. Requires College to submit information for review by experts having sufficient knowledge of vegetable seed production to provide evaluation of research. Requires assessment to include review of published material from certain areas.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2427 directing the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University to study canola and report the results to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by November 1, 2016. The measure also prohibited the growing of canola in the Willamette Valley with an exception for 500 acres necessary to conduct the study.

House Bill 3382A would amend that law, allowing the State Department of Agriculture to authorize up to 500 acres for the commercial production of canola in the District with certain restrictions. The measure would also extend the sunset prohibiting the growing of canola the Willamette Valley Protected District.