

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/13/15

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 05/04, 05/13

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Edwards, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes State Department of Agriculture (Department) director to provide notice of quarantine areas by newspaper of general circulation in the quarantine area and by one or more additional methods. Eliminates mandate to Department to declare hazard and establish control area in response to existence of eastern filbert blight. Eliminates references to Grade B milk. Authorizes Department director to choose method for making noxious weed information available. Expands definitions dealing with plant pests, infections, and infestations. Amends definition of “certificate of analysis” as it pertains to biodiesel. Eliminates requirement that Department give fuel dealers notice of threshold biodiesel production capacity. Repeals requirement that Department study and monitor ethanol production. Repeals obsolete statutes providing for participation in defunct Interstate Compact on Pest Control. Modernizes language.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Notification of public regarding quarantines
- Statute clean-ups

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The changes proposed in House Bill 2445A are a collection of technical fixes requested by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.