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Measure Description:

Extends sunset from January 2, 2019, to July 1, 2019, for law imposing general prohibition on growing of canola in Willamette Valley Protected District.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Agriculture, Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Counties

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis.

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

Received additional information from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

The bill directs the Department of Agriculture (ODA) may authorize commercial canola production in the Willamette Valley Protected District but may not exceed 500 acres per year. Oregon State University (OSU) shall use the results of canola research and field monitoring to develop recommendations. The recommendations shall include isolation distances from other crops.

ODA anticipates costs of \$50,000 to compile and file the report, hold public meetings, and analyze data. No source of funds has have been identified to pay for these expenses and ODA anticipates the General Fund will have to be used.

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission anticipates that there will be a fiscal impact due to this bill, \$25,000 in 2015-17 and \$73,400 in 2017-19, for expert review of data and reports.