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SUMMARY

Requires College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University to conduct study regarding *Arundo donax* L. Requires college to conclude study and report findings to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to *Arundo donax* L.; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “Eastern Oregon” means the area of this state lying east of the summit of the Cascade Mountains.

(2) The College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University shall conduct a study of the plant variety *Arundo donax* L., commonly known as giant reed, that includes but need not be limited to determining the ability of *Arundo donax* L. to survive winter temperatures in Eastern Oregon, conducting a risk assessment for unintended migration or spreading of *Arundo donax* L. and assessing the likely impact on riparian habitats if *Arundo donax* L. migrates or escapes from areas intentionally planted for the production of *Arundo donax* L. The college shall conduct the study with regard to conventional stocks of *Arundo donax* L. and any plants developed through genetic modifications of *Arundo donax* L. publicly known to be under development at the time the study begins. The college shall also study any genetic modifications of *Arundo donax* L. that the college, in its discretion,

1 believes based on research trends are likely to result in plants being
2 submitted for federal marketing approval within 10 years after the
3 study begins. The college may identify, evaluate and make recom-
4 mendations regarding procedures and safeguards for preventing or re-
5 ducing the chance of unintentional migration or spreading of *Arundo*
6 *donax* L. or plants developed through genetic modifications of *Arundo*
7 *donax* L.

8 (3) The college shall conclude the study and report its findings and
9 any recommendations regarding the commercial production of *Arundo*
10 *donax* L. to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related
11 to natural resources, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later
12 than September 15, 2018.

13 SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-
14 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-
15 clared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.

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