

HB 2844 -2, -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes counties to allow non-cannabis farm product processing facilities with processing areas smaller than 2,500 square feet to be a permitted use on EFU-zoned lands without regard to siting standards.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Allows 2,500 square foot farm product processing facilities on EFU-zoned lands to include cannabis processing facilities that are not marijuana processing facilities.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

-4 Changes "farm tract containing the facility" to "farm operations containing the facility" for the purposes of describing the source of farm products and defining farm product processing facilities.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Statewide Planning Goal 3, 'Agricultural Lands,' requires all agricultural lands to be inventoried and preserved by adopting exclusive farm use (EFU) zones. Farm uses allowed on EFU-zoned lands include: raising, harvesting, and selling crops; feeding, breeding, managing, and selling certain animals; and preparing, storing, and disposing of products and by-products raised on these lands. Certain nonfarm uses may also be allowed on EFU-zoned lands.

Counties have been authorized by the legislature to allow farm product processing facilities with processing areas smaller than 10,000 square feet that are in compliance with applicable siting standards to be a permitted use on EFU-zoned lands in counties that adopted marginal lands provisions under ORS 215.213, and in nonmarginal lands counties under ORS 215.283. Counties are currently prohibited from applying siting standards in a manner that would prohibit the siting of these farm product processing facilities.

House Bill 2844 would authorize counties to allow non-cannabis farm product processing facilities with processing areas smaller than 2,500 square feet to be a permitted use on EFU-zoned lands without regard to siting standards.