

HB 2844 A -A6 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes counties to allow non-marijuana farm product processing facilities with processing areas smaller than 2,500 square feet to be a permitted use on lands zoned for exclusive farm use (EFU) notwithstanding siting standards. Reorganizes statute.

House vote: Ayes, 50; Nays, 5--Alonso Leon, Holvey, Nathanson, Nosse, Rayfield; Excused, 5--Barreto, Keny-Guyer, Noble, Sprenger, Stark

Minimal fiscal impact; no revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A6 Removes provision excepting marijuana farm processing facilities from authorization to county to allow farm product processing facilities using less than 2,500 square feet for a processing area in exclusive farm use zones notwithstanding siting standards.

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. As used in the statute, a processing facility is a facility for: processing farm crops or for the production of biofuel, if at least one-quarter of the farm crops come from the farm operation containing the facility; or the slaughtering, processing, or selling poultry or poultry products from the farm operation containing the facility. Counties are prohibited from applying siting standards in a manner that would prohibit the siting of these farm product processing facilities.

House Bill 2844 A would authorize counties to allow non-marijuana 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.