

HB 2724 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to establish an advisory committee to advise the department on policies related to Oregon crops, including food and fiber crops. Authorizes the Governor or Director of Agriculture to appoint seven to nine members to the advisory committee and authorizes leaders in Oregon crop industry to nominate members to serve on the advisory committee. Requires the advisory committee to meet quarterly, identify policies that may impact regulatory compliance related to an Oregon crop industry or change production or marketing of an Oregon crop; and advise the ODA on policies related to Oregon crop industries. Authorizes advisory committee to establish policy-specific subcommittees and select as subcommittee members persons who are members of the advisory committee. Authorizes ODA to adopt rules to carry out the provisions of the Act .

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

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

No subsequent referral

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Requires Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to establish an advisory committee to advise ODA on policies related to high-value and value-added Oregon crops. Authorizes the Governor or Director of Agriculture to appoint nine to eleven members to the advisory committee who are leaders in an Oregon crop-related sector or value-added industry. Describes the sectors and industries that members must represent. Authorizes leaders in an Oregon crop-related sector or value-added industry to nominate persons to serve as members on the advisory committee. Requires the advisory committee to select a chair; meet quarterly or as requested by ODA or chair; identify policies that may impact regulatory compliance related to an Oregon crop-related sectors or value-added industries or change production or marketing of an Oregon crop; advise ODA and, as requested, appropriate committees or interim committees of Legislative Assembly on policies related to Oregon crop-related or value-added industries; facilitate trade support for agricultural products and practices; and encourage the integration of agriculture-related policies among state agencies. Authorizes advisory committee to establish policy-specific subcommittees of nine to eleven members each and select subcommittee members who are members of the advisory committee or who bring expertise from relevant crop-related sectors and value-added industries. Authorizes ODA to adopt rules to carry out the provisions of the Act.

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BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is the lead agency focused on meeting the needs of Oregon's diverse agricultural and food sectors and maintaining and enhancing a healthy resource base and strong economy across the state.

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