

HB 3185 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Carrier: Rep. McLain

Action Date: 04/13/21

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Breese-Iverson, Cate, Hudson, Marsh, McLain, Post, Reardon, Smith DB, Williams, Witt

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/8, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates definition of “undisturbed wetland” as wetland that has not been materially affected by human activity and as further defined by Oregon Department of State Lands by rule. Prohibits spreading of material in an undisturbed wetland during agricultural channel maintenance.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to protect the functions and values of existing wetlands
- Risks and effects of harming wetlands with fertilizer, herbicide, and/or pesticide residues

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2437 that authorized limited maintenance activities without a removal-fill permit from the Oregon Department of State Lands in dry, traditionally maintained, agricultural drainage channels under certain circumstances.

House Bill 3185 A would define “undisturbed wetland” and prohibit spreading of material in an undisturbed wetland during agricultural channel maintenance.