

SB 1532 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Action Date: 02/08/22

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

Vote: 3-1-1-0

Yeas: 3 - Golden, Patterson, Prozanski

Nays: 1 - Heard

Exc: 1 - Kennemer

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon State University Extension Service to expand Center for Small Farms and Community Food Systems by cluster hiring to fill five additional agricultural extension positions to assist Oregon’s small farms and ranches. By January 1, 2023, directs Oregon Business Development Department to conduct market analysis of Oregon organic products sector. Establishes minimum elements of market analysis. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for technical assistance by all farmers
- Role of extension service in providing technical assistance
- Farming practices to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Deletes “organic specialist positions” and replaces it with “agricultural extension positions to assist Oregon’s small farms and ranches.”

BACKGROUND:

The mission of the Oregon State University (OSU) Center for Small Farms and Community Food Systems is to advance sustainable agriculture, community food systems, and economic progress for Oregon's small farmers and ranchers and provide a leading-edge experience for students.

Senate Bill 1532 A would direct the OSU Extension Service to expand the Center for Small Farms and Community Food Systems by cluster hiring to fill five additional agricultural extension positions to assist Oregon’s small farms and ranches. By January 1, 2023, the measure would also direct the Oregon Business Development Department to conduct a market analysis of the Oregon organic products sector.