

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3244

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND
WATER

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 12 through 29.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 30 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Agriculture shall conduct an analysis of the**
4 **economic competitiveness of Oregon’s agricultural sector and submit a report on the analy-**
5 **sis, in the manner prescribed in ORS 192.245, to a committee or interim committee of the**
6 **Legislative Assembly related to agriculture on or before September 15, 2024.**

7 **“(2) The analysis must, at a minimum:**

8 **“(a) Assess the economic competitiveness of Oregon agricultural products within the**
9 **United States domestic market, considering:**

10 **“(A) The impacts of drought, heat, wildfire, climate change and water availability on crop**
11 **production and harvest losses, and any associated crop insurance gaps related to the im-**
12 **pacts.**

13 **“(B) Labor shortages, farmworker housing supply, costs of guest worker programs and**
14 **tax credits related to labor and housing.**

15 **“(C) The overall regulatory burden on Oregon agricultural entities, including the cost of**
16 **compliance verification, compared to regulatory burdens on other sectors within this state**
17 **and compared to agricultural sectors in other states.**

18 **“(D) Any competitive advantages that agricultural sectors in other states attain through**
19 **ecosystem practice payments, carbon sequestration payments and other incentive programs,**
20 **as well as through investments in solutions such as drought-resilient crops.**

21 **“(E) Specialty or niche agricultural sectors that may present strong economic opportu-**
22 **nities in national or international markets.**

23 **“(F) The viability of local food markets in Oregon.**

24 **“(G) Regional capacity to add value to Oregon commodities.**

25 **“(H) The transfer and succession of agricultural operations or lands to protect and sus-**
26 **tain the agricultural economy.**

27 **“(b) Assess the impacts on the Oregon agricultural sector from changes in the global**
28 **market and supply chains after 2020, considering:**

29 **“(A) Whether Oregon should increase produce as a component of the overall agricultural**
30 **sector in this state.**

31 **“(B) The costs of agricultural inputs, including fuels, fertilizers, other chemical inputs**
32 **and energy.**

33 **“(c) Assess the impacts on the Oregon agricultural sector from foreign investment in**
34 **Oregon agricultural land.**

35 **“(3) In completing the analysis, the department shall seek and consider input from**

1 stakeholders representing the diversity of Oregon’s agricultural sector, including but not
2 limited to Indian tribes, various types and sizes of agricultural operations, farmworkers,
3 experts from universities and others with relevant agricultural experience.

4 “(4) The report must include recommendations that may form the basis of a new or re-
5 vised strategic road map aimed at ensuring the competitiveness of Oregon agriculture, based
6 on the results of the analysis.

7 “(5) The department may contract for completion of the analysis and the report.

8 “(6) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
9 the department, as requested by the department, in the performance of the duties described
10 in this section.”.

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