

Senate Bill 789

Sponsored by Senator GELSER BLOUIN; Senators HANSELL, PATTERSON

SUMMARY

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Makes permanent certain restrictions on growing canola within Willamette Valley Protected District.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to canola production; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas Oregonians will benefit from prohibiting canola production within the Willamette Val-
4 ley Protected District; and

5 Whereas the Willamette Valley will benefit from prohibiting local canola production; now,
6 therefore,

7 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

8 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

9 (a) "Canola" means plants of the genus *Brassica*:

10 (A) **In which seeds having a high oil content are the primary economically valuable**
11 **product; and**

12 (B) **That have a high erucic acid content suitable for industrial uses or a low erucic acid**
13 **content suitable for edible oils.**

14 (b) "Willamette Valley Protected District" means the area encompassed within a rec-
15 tangle formed by the point in Tillamook County that is the northwest corner of township 1
16 north, range 6 west, the point in Multnomah County that is the most northeastern point of
17 township 1 north, range 2 east within Oregon, the point in Lane County that is the southeast
18 corner of township 19 south, range 2 east and the point in Lane County that is the southwest
19 corner of township 19 south, range 6 west.

20 (2) **A person growing canola within the Willamette Valley Protected District must receive**
21 **prior approval by license from the State Department of Agriculture.**

22 (3) **The department may:**

23 (a) **Authorize a person to grow canola within the Willamette Valley Protected District**
24 **only in a manner determined to be compatible with the growing of other crops, including but**
25 **not limited to the maintenance of isolation distances between canola and other crops that**
26 **equal or exceed the industry-recommended isolation distance between specialty seed crops**
27 **of the genus *Brassica* and other crops.**

28 (b) **Authorize canola production within the Willamette Valley Protected District, not to**
29 **exceed 500 acres per year.**

30 (4) **The department may assess a civil penalty, not to exceed \$25,000, against a person**
31 **that violates subsection (2) of this section or the terms of a license issued under this section.**

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