

Senate Bill 838

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with Department of State Lands and State Parks and Recreation Department, to establish grant program for purpose of encouraging use of seaweed as feed for livestock.

Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with Department of State Lands and State Parks and Recreation Department, to study potential for developing commercial seaweed production to produce feed for livestock. Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to present study in report to appropriate committee or interim committee of Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2024.

Appropriates moneys to State Department of Fish and Wildlife for purpose of funding grant program and study.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to using seaweed as feed for livestock; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with the De-**
5 **partment of State Lands and the State Parks and Recreation Department, shall establish by**
6 **rule a grant program for the purpose of encouraging the use of seaweed as feed for livestock.**

7 **(2) In administering the program, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife:**

8 **(a) Shall develop criteria for receiving a grant and a process for applying for a grant; and**

9 **(b) May require a recipient of a grant to report to the department on the use of the grant**
10 **funds.**

11 **SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with the De-**
12 **partment of State Lands and the State Parks and Recreation Department, shall study the**
13 **potential for developing commercial seaweed production to produce feed for livestock as a**
14 **means to reduce methane emissions.**

15 **(2) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall present the study in a report to an**
16 **appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly, in the manner**
17 **provided under ORS 192.245, on or before September 15, 2024.**

18 **SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, for the**
19 **biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the**
20 **purpose of funding the grant program described in section 1 of this 2023 Act and the study**
21 **described in section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

22 **SECTION 4. (1) Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on June 30, 2025.**

23 **(2) Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.**

24 **SECTION 5. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
26 **on its passage.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

