SB 789 (2023)

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Feb. 27, 2024



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The Board of Agriculture supports...

Growers using Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize conflict between production systems as necessary, such as communication and coordination, use of conflict resolution tools including the Farm Mediation Program; agronomic practices, and buffers and isolation in space/time...

Oregon State Board of Agriculture Resolution - Minimizing conflicts of coexistence in agriculture No. 301



Most recent history



HB 2427 (2013)

OSU research on brassicas



HB 3382 (2015)

OSU to review global data on canola and Brassica specialty seed production

ODA to permit 500 acres in Willamette Valley Protected District (WVPD)

ODA to provide recommendations to 2018 Leg. based on OSU research



SB 885 (2019)

Extended 500-acre cap on canola until July 2023



SB 789 (2023)

Recommendations for legislation to establish a program that identifies fields in the Willamette Valley Protected District that produce seed crops of the genus Brassica in order to mitigate conflicts related to the production of seed crops of the genus Brassica.





Establishing the policies

Brassica seed producer license/registration



Anyone producing brassica seed crops in the WVPD must get a license/registration from ODA



Cost recovery fee Violations may result in civil penalties

Brassica seed production





Follow disease prevention requirements Maintain isolation distances unless an isolation agreement is in place Maintain record of mutually agreed-upon isolation agreements for 3 years

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Pinning system option



Brassica seed crop producers with ODA license/registration required to pin by a set date



System identifies any fields requiring isolation agreements



Producers agree on isolation agreements or request decision from ODA on a chance basis



Unresolved workgroup concerns







Brassica acreage limitation in the WVPD

GE brassica seed production

Public rights-of-way maintenance





Any questions?

https://oda.direct/canola

