

# Memorandum

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BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



## DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE

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The Governor has appointed the following individual to serve as the Director of Agriculture subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### Appointee

Lisa Charpiloz Hanson of Woodburn

### Term

Serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 561.010 \(2023\)](#)

### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Required.

### Duties<sup>3</sup>

The director may not be interested directly or indirectly as owner, agent, or solicitor in the manufacture, purchase, or sale of any article, commodity, or product over which the director, deputy, or an employee may have supervision. The director must execute a \$20,000 bond to the state conditioned on faithful performance of duties.

The director is the executive director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and must execute all matters pertaining to ODA under the policy direction of the State Board of Agriculture (Board). The director must:

- coordinate ODA activities related to a watershed enhancement project approved by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board;
- conduct ODA activities consistent with the state's water quality goals;
- subject to policy direction by the Board, organize and reorganize ODA's work;
- appoint division chiefs;
- give special attention to the full utilization of certain equipment;
- keep a record of moneys deposited in the ODA Account and ODA Service Fund;
- enter into a cooperative plan with Oregon State University;

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 561.010 \(2023\) through ORS 561.740 \(2023\)](#).

- meet with the director of the agricultural experiment station and the director of the agricultural extension service of Oregon State University to eliminate causes of overlapping and friction which may arise in the conduct of their work;
- serve as a nonvoting member and secretary of the Board;
- report to the Board on ODA activities;
- appoint members to the Water Conservation Commission and New Crops Development Board;
- issue a written order declaring a quarantine, when appropriate; and
- coordinate quarantine efforts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The director may also:

- employ veterinarians, chemists, bacteriologists, and other experts, inspectors, accountants, stenographers, clerks, or other necessary help;
- call for such reports, statistics and information as the director may desire from any ODA division chief or employee;
- publish and distribute information about the work of ODA;
- adopt rules for declaring a quarantine;
- enter into intergovernmental agreements with an appointee of the Director of the Oregon Health Authority who has experience in health program administration, for furthering collaboration between this state and federal agencies that regulate the growing of biopharmaceutical crops.

