



HB 4059-8

EQUITABLE COEXISTENCE LEGISLATION FOR BRASSICA SEED PRODUCTION IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

SECTION 1 (5) - MAINTAINS THE 3-MILE ISOLATION DISTANCE, USED FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS, TO PROTECT BRASSICA CROPS FROM PEST, DISEASE AND WEED PRESSURES WHICH ODA HAS CURRENT AUTHORITY TO REGULATE.

SECTION 4 - AUTHORIZES ODA TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC PINNING MAP FOR ALL BRASSICA CROPS IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY TO ASSIST WITH ENFORCEMENT OF ISOLATION DISTANCES AND TO ASSIST WITH THE CONTROL OF PEST, DISEASE, AND WEED PRESSURES FROM BRASSICA SEED CROP PRODUCTION.

SECTION 5 - INCREASES FINES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE AND WILLFUL VIOLATIONS WITH RELATION TO PUBLIC PINNING AND MAINTENANCE OF ISOLATION DISTANCES BY BRASSICA SEED GROWERS.

SECTION 7 - INCREASES THE CAP FOR BRASSICA NAPA AND BRASSICA RAPA (CANOLA) FOR 1 YEAR TO PROVIDE ROTATIONAL CROP ASSISTANCE TO OUR STRUGGLING GRASS SEED INDUSTRY. GRASS SEED IS THE #5 COMMODITY IN THE STATE AND IS CURRENTLY DOWN AN ESTIMATED 40% OF THE OVERALL ACRES DUE TO MARKET CONDITIONS LEAVING MANY FARMS WITH FEW OTHER CROP OPTIONS.

SECTION 8 - DELAYS FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC PINNING MAP TILL APRIL 1, 2025 ALLOWING ODA THE TIME NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE MAPS AND CONDUCT THE NECESSARY RULE MAKING PROCESS.