

HB 2166 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to conduct or contract an analysis of the economic competitiveness of Oregon’s agricultural sector. It requires ODA to submit a report to an agriculture-related interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2026, and sunsets January 2, 2027. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Detailed Summary

Directs ODA to conduct or contract an analysis of the economic competitiveness of Oregon’s agricultural sector.

Study Requirements:

- Competitiveness of Oregon’s agricultural products within the U.S. domestic market.
- The potential of improving competitiveness and sustainability through technological advancements.
- The potential of implementing climate-smart agricultural practices regarding long-term competitiveness and environmental stewardship.
- Agricultural infrastructure needs.
- Impacts on Oregon’s agricultural sector from changes in the global market and supply chains after 2020, and foreign investments in Oregon agricultural land.
- Recommendations aimed at ensuring the competitiveness of Oregon’s agriculture.

Directs ODA to seek and consider input from stakeholders representing Oregon’s agricultural sector, including:

- Indian tribes
- Various types and sizes of agricultural operations
- Farmworkers
- Experts

Reporting Requirements, Sunset, and Effective Date

Requires all agencies to assist ODA as requested. Requires ODA to submit a report to an agriculture-related interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2026. Sunsets January 2, 2027. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon’s agricultural sector is a \$45 billion industry and approximately 14 percent of Oregonians, located in all counties, rely on agriculture for their livelihoods. It is estimated that over 250 diverse agricultural products are grown in the state. The COVID-19 global pandemic as well as recent wildfire events affected farmworker

populations and the agricultural sector as a whole, but the extent of their effects are not fully quantified.

PRELIMINARY