

# House Bill 2231

Sponsored by Representative SCHARF (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act defines the term "quality standard" for certain seed contracts. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.9).

Instructs the Oregon Seed Certification Service of Oregon State University to continue to periodically produce, and make available to the public, the Oregon Seed Certification Handbook.

Defines the term "quality standard" for certain seed contracts as a specification in the handbook.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to seed quality standards; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 576.715.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 576.715 to**  
5 **576.744.**

6 **SECTION 2. The Oregon Seed Certification Service of Oregon State University shall:**

7 **(1) Periodically produce an Oregon Seed Certification Handbook that, among other things,**  
8 **describes certified seed; and**

9 **(2) Make the handbook available to the public.**

10 **SECTION 3. ORS 576.715 is amended to read:**

11 576.715. As used in ORS 576.715 to 576.744:

12 (1) "Agricultural seed" means grass seed of a type commonly sold for use in turf lawns or as  
13 forage seed.

14 (2) "Authenticate" has the meaning given that term in ORS 79.0102.

15 (3) "Producer" means a person that grows agricultural seed in this state on a commercial basis  
16 for a seed dealer.

17 (4) **"Quality standard" means certified seed as described in the most current version of**  
18 **the Oregon Seed Certification Handbook produced by the Oregon Seed Certification Service**  
19 **of Oregon State University.**

20 [(4)] (5) "Seed bailment contract" means a seed production contract under which the seed dealer  
21 retains title to all seed, seed stock and plant life grown or used by the producer under the terms  
22 of the contract.

23 [(5)] (6) "Seed dealer" means a person that in the ordinary course of business contracts to buy  
24 agricultural seed grown in this state by a producer or contracts with a producer for the growing  
25 of agricultural seed in this state.

26 [(6)] (7) "Seed delivery" means the date on which the seed grower delivers grass seed to the seed  
27 dealer pursuant to a notice from the dealer.

28 [(7)] (8) "Seed grower" means a person that grows grass seed in this state on a commercial basis

**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.

1 without entering into a contract with a seed dealer prior to harvesting of the seed.

2       [(8)] (9) “Seed production contract” means a written agreement between a producer and a seed  
3 dealer for the growing of agricultural seed in this state.

4       [(9)] (10) “Seed purchase contract” means a written agreement for a seed dealer to purchase  
5 grass seed that has been grown by a seed grower. “Seed purchase contract” does not include a seed  
6 production contract.

7       [(10)] (11) “Variety Not Stated Seed” means agricultural seed that is sold in unmarked plastic  
8 bags or other unmarked containers without any reference to a variety name for the seed.

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