

# A-Engrossed Senate Bill 887

Ordered by the Senate March 14  
Including Senate Amendments dated March 14

Sponsored by Senator GELSER BLOUIN, Representative NOSSE; Senators FREDERICK, PROZANSKI, Representatives GAMBA, LIVELY

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells an agency head to hire an organic policy specialist. The Act describes the tasks of the new specialist. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.2).

Instructs the Director of Agriculture to employ an organic policy special assistant to the director.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to an organic policy special assistant to the Director of Agriculture; amending ORS 561.070.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 561.070 is amended to read:

561.070. (1) The Director of Agriculture may employ veterinarians, chemists, bacteriologists and other experts, inspectors, accountants, stenographers, clerks or other help necessary to carry out efficiently the work of the State Department of Agriculture. The director may assign duties and responsibilities to each officer and employee of the department.

(2) The director may at any time designate or appoint any officer or employee of the department to act as assistant director of agriculture and may terminate such designation or appointment at any time, with or without cause. The assistant director of agriculture may perform such duties of the director as may be prescribed by the director.

(3) If the director appoints any research analysts pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, two of such research analysts may be members of unclassified service as provided in ORS chapter 240.

**(4) The director shall employ an organic policy special assistant to the director to coordinate:**

**(a) The tracking of national trends, policies and regulatory changes that impact the production, marketing or certification of organic agricultural products to advance the organic sector and aid the department in federal- and state-level advocacy.**

**(b) The marketing of organic agricultural products.**

**(c) The facilitation of trade in organic agricultural products, including how to address organic import substitution.**

**(d) Efforts by the department, in consultation with other state agencies, to address gaps in data related to organic agricultural products.**

**(e) Efforts to establish and support statewide infrastructure for the post-harvest handling and processing of organic agricultural products.**

**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 (f) The integration into all relevant department programs of policies that encourage or  
2 organic practices.  
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