

HB 4065 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies provisions relating to late payment of seed production contracts and seed purchase contracts.

Detailed Summary:

- Changes the interest a seed dealer must pay on delinquent amounts to the current market interest rate as determined by ODA if higher than one percent.
- Requires a seed dealer to provide notice and supporting documentation of payment to the Oregon Department of Agriculture within 30 days of receiving notice from the Oregon Department of Agriculture.
- Increases the maximum fee for payment verification for agricultural and grass seed contracts from \$50 to \$100.
- Increases the maximum fee for delinquency notices for agricultural and grass seed from \$200 to \$400.
- Reduces the maximum fee for payment verification for other seed contracts from \$200 to \$100.
- Reduces the maximum fee for delinquency notices for other seed from \$400 to \$200.
- Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Slow Pay/No Pay statutes (ORS 576.700 to 576.814) establish minimum contract standards for seed production and authorize the Oregon Department of Agriculture to help growers resolve delayed or missed payments. Originally, these protections applied only to grass seed commonly sold for turf or forage through the passage of House Bill 2159 (2011). In 2018, House bill 4068 expanded the program to cover all other seed kinds, including agricultural, vegetable, and flower seeds.