

House Bill 2012

Sponsored by Representative BARNHART

SUMMARY

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Establishes Genetically Modified Organisms Advisory Committee within State Department of Agriculture.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Genetically Modified Organisms Advisory Committee.

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

SECTION 1. (1) There is created a Genetically Modified Organisms Advisory Committee within the State Department of Agriculture. The committee shall consist of not fewer than five and not more than nine members appointed by the Director of Agriculture. The director shall appoint members of the advisory committee to four-year terms, but a member serves at the pleasure of the director. Members may be reappointed. The director shall appoint to the advisory committee:

(a) One member representing agricultural producers;

(b) One member representing local governments;

(c) One member representing the public; and

(d) Two to six members having education or training that the director considers relevant to the duties of the advisory committee. At least one of the members described in this paragraph shall have education or training in the handling of hazardous materials.

(2) Members of the committee are not entitled to compensation, but in the discretion of the director may be reimbursed from funds available to the department for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amount provided in ORS 292.495.

(3) The advisory committee shall be a continuing committee and shall periodically:

(a) Review policies, regulations and protocols for controlling the unintentional release of genetically modified organisms and associated economic damage.

(b) Develop and recommend to the director policies and administrative rules regarding genetically modified organisms that safeguard the agricultural economy of this state and help ensure food safety.

(c) Recommend procedures for improving the coordination of federal, state and local government efforts to ensure the adequacy of control measures for genetically modified organism field trials.

(d) Recommend procedures for improving communications between federal, state and local government concerning the licensing of, and control measures for, genetically modified organism field trials and the release and mitigation of genetically modified organisms.

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 **(e) Recommend response protocols for the unintended release of a genetically modified**
2 **organism.**

3 **(f) Identify potential gifts, grants, donations and other funding sources that may be**
4 **available to fund implementation of the response protocols recommended by the advisory**
5 **committee.**

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