

# A-Engrossed House Bill 3627

Ordered by the House February 7  
Including House Amendments dated February 7

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, ETHICS AND RULES (at the request of House Interim Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources)

## 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.

Makes legislative findings regarding sustainable agriculture.

*[Creates Oregon Sustainable Agriculture Resource Center.]*

*[Creates Oregon Sustainable Agriculture Resource Center Advisory Board. Requires advisory board to conduct survey in cooperation with Oregon State University regarding sustainable agriculture program issues and to develop plan for resource center. Requires advisory board to report by December 31, 2008, to Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly regarding resource center activities and recommendations regarding resource center.]*

*[Allocates lottery moneys to State Department of Agriculture for biennium ending June 30, 2009, to establish and operate resource center and pay expenses of advisory board.]*

*[Allocates lottery moneys to Oregon State University for biennium ending June 30, 2009, to pay expenses of survey regarding sustainable agriculture program issues.]*

**Creates Sustainable Agriculture Needs Assessment Advisory Committee.**

**Requires Oregon State University Extension Service, in cooperation with advisory committee, to conduct needs assessment regarding sustainable agriculture information. Requires advisory committee to report by December 31, 2008, to Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly regarding findings and recommendations based on needs assessment.**

**Allocates lottery moneys to State Department of Agriculture for biennium ending June 30, 2009, to assist producers in accessing new markets for sustainable agriculture products.**

**Allocates lottery moneys to Department of Higher Education for biennium ending June 30, 2009, to pay expenses of Oregon State University in conducting needs assessment regarding sustainable agriculture and pay expenses relating to Sustainable Agriculture Needs Assessment Advisory Committee.**

**Sunset January 2, 2010.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to sustainable agriculture; limiting expenditures; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "sustainable" means production in a manner that results in sustainability as defined in ORS 184.421.**

**(2) The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

**(a) Sustainable agriculture encompasses many different production methods, systems and approaches to meet the goals of profitability, stewardship and quality of life.**

**(b) Changing consumer demand is creating both new market opportunities for agricultural producers and evolving requirements for access to those new markets.**

**(c) Providing information about sustainable agriculture and timely access to resources and technical support to farmers and ranchers interested in competing in the global marketplace will assist those farmers and ranchers in readily responding to changing market demands.**

**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       (d) The marketing of sustainable agricultural products provides farmers and ranchers  
2 with new opportunities for selling products, enhancing the environment and increasing the  
3 vitality of both rural and urban communities.

4       **SECTION 2.** (1) There is created the Sustainable Agriculture Needs Assessment Advisory  
5 Committee consisting of 11 members appointed jointly by the Director of Agriculture and the  
6 Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University. The committee  
7 shall provide input to the Oregon State University Extension Service to assist in developing  
8 the needs assessment described in section 3 of this 2008 Act.

9       (2) The director and the dean shall select members so that the advisory committee  
10 membership represents the diverse interests of agricultural producers and the economic and  
11 social diversity of Oregon. In the event of a vacancy on the advisory committee, the director  
12 and the dean shall make a new appointment to become effective immediately.

13       (3) The director and the dean shall select an advisory committee chairperson and a vice  
14 chairperson from among the members. The advisory committee shall meet at times and  
15 places specified by the chairperson.

16       (4) A majority of the members of the advisory committee constitutes a quorum for the  
17 transaction of business.

18       (5) The Oregon State University Extension Service shall provide clerical, technical and  
19 management personnel to serve the advisory committee. Other agencies shall provide sup-  
20 port as requested by the extension service or the advisory committee.

21       (6) Advisory committee members are entitled to compensation and expenses in the  
22 manner and amounts provided in ORS 292.495. Claims for compensation and expenses in-  
23 curred in performing the functions of the advisory committee shall be paid out of funds al-  
24 located under section 5 of this 2008 Act for that purpose.

25       **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section, “sustainable” has the meaning given that term  
26 in section 1 of this 2008 Act.

27       (2) The Oregon State University Extension Service shall survey producers and support  
28 services providers and organizations to assess needs regarding the availability and delivery  
29 of information about sustainable agriculture production and certification programs. Upon  
30 completion of the needs assessment, the extension service shall present the results to the  
31 Sustainable Agriculture Needs Assessment Advisory Committee.

32       (3) The advisory committee shall prepare a report based upon the needs assessment. The  
33 report may include, but need not be limited to:

34       (a) Findings regarding the value of creating a centralized sustainable agriculture re-  
35 source center;

36       (b) A framework for a system to deliver information about sustainable agriculture;

37       (c) Recommended goals and priorities regarding the availability and delivery of informa-  
38 tion about sustainable agriculture;

39       (d) A proposed budget for a system to deliver information about sustainable agriculture  
40 and other budget matters relating to sustainable agriculture needs; and

41       (e) Recommendations for legislation related to sustainable agriculture needs.

42       (4) The advisory committee shall submit the report to the Director of Agriculture and  
43 the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University on or before  
44 November 1, 2008.

45       (5) The advisory committee shall submit the report to an interim committee of the

1 Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly dealing with agricultural matters, in the manner pro-  
2 vided in ORS 192.245, on or before December 31, 2008.

3 **SECTION 4.** (1) There is allocated to the State Department of Agriculture from the Ad-  
4 ministrative Services Economic Development Fund the amount identified in subsection (2)  
5 of this section.

6 (2) Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$256,951 is es-  
7 tablished for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, as the maximum limit for payment of ex-  
8 penses by the State Department of Agriculture from the Administrative Services Economic  
9 Development Fund to assist producers in using opportunities to access new markets for  
10 sustainable agriculture products.

11 (3) The allocation of moneys from the Administrative Services Economic Development  
12 Fund under this section is subject to the requirements in section 4, Article XV of the Oregon  
13 Constitution, for deposit of specified amounts of the net proceeds from the Oregon State  
14 Lottery into the Education Stability Fund and into the Parks and Natural Resources Fund  
15 and shall be made only after satisfaction or payment of:

16 (a) Amounts allocated to Westside lottery bonds issued under ORS 391.140 or to the re-  
17 serves or any refunding related to the Westside lottery bonds in accordance with the priority  
18 for allocation and disbursement established by ORS 391.130;

19 (b) All liens, pledges or other obligations relating to lottery bonds or refunding lottery  
20 bonds that are due or payable during the biennium ending June 30, 2009; and

21 (c) Amounts required by any other pledges of, or liens on, net proceeds from the Oregon  
22 State Lottery.

23 **SECTION 5.** (1) There is allocated to the Department of Higher Education from the Ad-  
24 ministrative Services Economic Development Fund the amount identified in subsection (2)  
25 of this section.

26 (2) Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$142,500 is es-  
27 tablished for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, as the maximum limit for payment of ex-  
28 penses by the Oregon State University Extension Service from the Administrative Services  
29 Economic Development Fund for furthering the activities of the Sustainable Agriculture  
30 Needs Assessment Advisory Committee and conducting the needs assessment described in  
31 section 3 of this 2008 Act.

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42 (c) Amounts required by any other pledges of, or liens on, net proceeds from the Oregon  
43 State Lottery.

44 **SECTION 6.** Sections 1 to 3 of this 2008 Act are repealed January 2, 2010.

45 **SECTION 7.** This 2008 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

1 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2008 Act takes effect**  
2 **on its passage.**

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