

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3627

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 25 and delete pages 2 through 5 and insert:

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

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

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

7 **“(b) Changing consumer demand is creating both new market opportunities for agricul-**
8 **tural producers and evolving requirements for access to those new markets.**

9 **“(c) Providing information about sustainable agriculture and timely access to resources**
10 **and technical support to farmers and ranchers interested in competing in the global mar-**
11 **ketplace will assist those farmers and ranchers in readily responding to changing market**
12 **demands.**

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

16 **“SECTION 2. (1) There is created the Sustainable Agriculture Needs Assessment Advi-**
17 **sory Committee consisting of 11 members appointed jointly by the Director of Agriculture**
18 **and the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University. The com-**
19 **mittee shall provide input to the Oregon State University Extension Service to assist in de-**
20 **veloping the needs assessment described in section 3 of this 2008 Act.**

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

25 **“(3) The director and the dean shall select an advisory committee chairperson and a vice**
26 **chairperson from among the members. The advisory committee shall meet at times and**
27 **places specified by the chairperson.**

28 **“(4) A majority of the members of the advisory committee constitutes a quorum for the**
29 **transaction of business.**

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

33 **“(6) Advisory committee members are entitled to compensation and expenses in the**
34 **manner and amounts provided in ORS 292.495. Claims for compensation and expenses in-**
35 **curring in performing the functions of the advisory committee shall be paid out of funds al-**

1 located under section 5 of this 2008 Act for that purpose.

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

4 **“(2)** The Oregon State University Extension Service shall survey producers and support
5 services providers and organizations to assess needs regarding the availability and delivery
6 of information about sustainable agriculture production and certification programs. Upon
7 completion of the needs assessment, the extension service shall present the results to the
8 Sustainable Agriculture Needs Assessment Advisory Committee.

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

11 **“(a)** Findings regarding the value of creating a centralized sustainable agriculture re-
12 source center;

13 **“(b)** A framework for a system to deliver information about sustainable agriculture;

14 **“(c)** Recommended goals and priorities regarding the availability and delivery of infor-
15 mation about sustainable agriculture;

16 **“(d)** A proposed budget for a system to deliver information about sustainable agriculture
17 and other budget matters relating to sustainable agriculture needs; and

18 **“(e)** Recommendations for legislation related to sustainable agriculture needs.

19 **“(4)** The advisory committee shall submit the report to the Director of Agriculture and
20 the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University on or before
21 November 1, 2008.

22 **“(5)** The advisory committee shall submit the report to an interim committee of the
23 Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly dealing with agricultural matters, in the manner pro-
24 vided in ORS 192.245, on or before December 31, 2008.

25 **“SECTION 4.** (1) There is allocated to the State Department of Agriculture from the
26 Administrative Services Economic Development Fund the amount identified in subsection (2)
27 of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

45 **“SECTION 5.** (1) There is allocated to the Department of Higher Education from the

1 Administrative Services Economic Development Fund the amount identified in subsection (2)
2 of this section.

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

9 “(3) The allocation of moneys from the Administrative Services Economic Development
10 Fund under this section is subject to the requirements in section 4, Article XV of the Oregon
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18 bonds that are due or payable during the biennium ending June 30, 2009; and

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

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

22 “SECTION 7. This 2008 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
23 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2008 Act takes effect
24 on its passage.”