

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

**Vote:** 6 - 1 - 1

**Yeas:** Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Schaufler, VanOrman, Clem

**Nays:** Wingard

**Exc.:** Roblan

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Broadens statutes currently applicable to tansy ragwort to all noxious weeds. Revises quarantine authority of Department of Agriculture (ODA). Requires ODA to use rulemaking process for the adoption of plant quarantines. Aligns duration of quarantines with the duration of temporary rules. Prohibits possession or movement of plant pests except under compliance with federal or state permit. Clarifies that no compensation is made for destruction of plants infested with a pest or disease deemed to be a public nuisance. Authorizes ODA to establish temporary nursery license fee in rule at a level sufficient to recover cost of issuance; caps fee at \$50. Repeals outdated laws.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current weed statutes address only tansy ragwort and ragweed
- Temporary nursery license fee
- Importance of noxious weed control to farmers

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Clarifies that only officially listed noxious weeds are affected, not lawn or agronomic weeds. Clarifies that movement of weeds by wind and water is not a violation. Replaces definition of “integrated weed management” with a more comprehensive definition. Authorizes ODA to recommend that the landowner and ODA jointly develop a management strategy or plan to address a weed abatement requirement.

**BACKGROUND:** The state noxious weed control program protects Oregon's agricultural industry and natural resources by preventing and limiting the spread and impact of invasive exotic plant species (noxious weeds) that displace and compete with native and desirable domestic plant species. These invasive plants affect all Oregonians directly or indirectly through impacts on agricultural and forest economies and on other resources such as fish, wildlife, recreation and overall watershed health.

HB 2212 A reorganizes and updates the state’s noxious weed and plant quarantine laws.