

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

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

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Atkinson, Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/30

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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 Repeals outdated laws.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:**

- Consolidates statutes and models legislation after National Model Plant Pest Law
- Ability to respond rapidly
- Sudden Oak Death

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**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 2212A reorganizes and updates the state's noxious weed and plant quarantine laws.