

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

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

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Roblan, VanOrman, Wingard, Clem
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Schaufler
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/3, 3/24, 3/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Includes the removal of noxious weeds as part of Oregon's Adopt-a-Highway Program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Training on identification of noxious weeds
- Get people involved "in their own front yards"
- Roads are major pathway for introduction/spread into farm fields, but farmers cannot control weeds beyond property lines
- Leave spraying and spot treatment for certain weeds to counties
- Invasive species not being dealt with on public roadways
- Coordination as between weed groups and litter groups

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Removes language that only allows one group to be assigned to a particular section of highway.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Adopt-a-Highway program offers citizens who are concerned with Oregon's environment an opportunity to control litter and improve the appearance of the state highway system. Individuals, corporations, associations, firms, partnerships and joint stock companies may enter into an agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to pick up and remove trash and litter from the right of way. This also may include landscaping maintenance.