

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 4 - 1 - 0
Yeas: Atkinson, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder
Nays: Boquist
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/7, 5/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Includes removal of noxious weeds as part of Oregon's Adopt-a-Highway Program. Specifies volunteer groups that choose to participate in removal of noxious weeds along a designated section of highway do so at least twice a year using a method other than pesticides in accordance with rules adopted by State Department of Agriculture.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current requirement to obtain a permit to remove weeds from highway right-of-way
- Appearance of signs
- Option of picking up litter, removing noxious weeds, or both

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Adopt-a-Highway program offers citizens 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 work may also include landscaping maintenance.