

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Roblan, Schaufler, VanOrman, Wingard, Clem
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates \$250,000 to Oregon Department of Agriculture for 2009-2011 biennium to develop business plan for project to produce energy from agricultural sources and from food or other wastes by anaerobic digestion, cellulosic ethanol production or other processes. Declares emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential for market-driven, economic alternative to field burning
- Lane County project
- Past funding request for feasibility study

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Increases appropriation from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

BACKGROUND: Lane County has been working with the Oregon Seed Council to study the feasibility of converting ryegrass straw to energy as an alternative to field burning. A feasibility study has been completed that shows the potential for the waste stream from rye grass farming to be managed as an energy source rather than burned in the field. The next step in this process is the development of a business plan to show investors and funding agencies the viability of these facilities. HB 3005A would fund the preparation of a business plan.