

House Bill 2210

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Deletes qualification for public members of State Board of Agriculture.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to State Board of Agriculture membership; amending ORS 561.372.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 561.372 is amended to read:

561.372. (1) In order that there may be the closest correspondence between State Department of Agriculture policies and programs, the public interests and the resolution of practical agricultural problems of the state, there is created the State Board of Agriculture.

(2) The Director of Agriculture, the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University and the chairperson of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall serve as ex officio members of the board. The director and the dean shall be nonvoting members. The director shall act as secretary of the board. The dean may appoint a person to represent the dean on the board.

(3) The Governor shall appoint nine members to the board. The members appointed to the board must be residents of Oregon. Not more than five of the members appointed to the board may belong to the same political party. Party affiliation shall be determined by the appropriate entry on official election registration cards.

(4) The term of each member appointed to the board is four years. A member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies. Before a member's term expires, the Governor shall appoint a successor. If a vacancy occurs, the Governor shall appoint a person to complete the remainder of the unexpired term.

(5) A person who serves two consecutive terms on the board is not eligible for appointment to another term on the board until at least one year after the expiration of the second consecutive term.

(6) The Governor shall appoint two board members [*who are not actively involved in the agricultural industry*] to be representatives of the public interests. The Governor shall appoint seven board members who are actively engaged in the production of agricultural commodities. The Governor shall seek to ensure that the appointed board members who produce agricultural commodities reflect the diverse nature of agricultural commodity production within the state.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.