

# House Bill 2945

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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**.

Requires Department of Environmental Quality to develop and implement procedures to analyze water samples collected and submitted to the department for presence of cyanotoxins. Requires department to develop and disseminate information regarding cyanotoxins to interested parties. Requires department to report annually to Legislative Assembly regarding cyanotoxins.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to cyanotoxins.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Department of Environmental Quality shall develop and implement**  
5 **procedures to analyze water samples collected and submitted to the department for the**  
6 **presence of cyanotoxins.**

7 **SECTION 2. The Department of Environmental Quality shall develop and disseminate**  
8 **information regarding cyanotoxins to interested parties. Information developed and dissem-**  
9 **inated under this section includes, but is not limited to:**

10 (1) **Techniques for the routine monitoring of cyanobacterial blooms in order to protect**  
11 **the public health and safeguard the agricultural lands of this state; and**

12 (2) **Response levels that correspond to specific cell counts and toxin loads of cyanotoxins.**

13 **SECTION 3. The Department of Environmental Quality shall report annually to the**  
14 **Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, regarding:**

15 (1) **Incidents of cyanobacteria outbreaks in irrigation water sources;**

16 (2) **Incidents of farmworker exposure to cyanotoxins;**

17 (3) **Incidents of crop exposure to cyanotoxins;**

18 (4) **Relevant testing data and research results concerning cyanotoxins; and**

19 (5) **Any law enforcement activities related to cyanotoxins.**

20 **SECTION 4. The Department of Environmental Quality shall, in consultation with the**  
21 **Department of Human Services and the Oregon University System, identify research needs**  
22 **related to cyanotoxin uptake by crops and the associated risks to consumers and submit a**  
23 **report about those needs to the interim legislative committees on environment and natural**  
24 **resources on or before December 1, 2010.**

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