

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes that person may ask Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCDC) to arrange for capability of land assessment by professional soil classifier. Requires classifier performing assessment be chosen by landowner and certified by and in good standing with Soil Science Society of America. Establishes that soils assessment is not public record unless person requesting it utilizes it in land use proceeding. Stipulates that if person decides to utilize assessment they must inform DLCDC and consent to release all assessments produced. Requires DLCDC to review assessment, not disclose assessment prior to utilization without written consent, and release assessment to local government conducting land use proceeding. Requires DLCDC to charge and collect fee from person requesting assessment in an amount intended to meet costs of obtaining assessment and administering program. Establishes Soil Assessment Fund. Stipulates that soil assessment process does not affect process by which county determines whether land qualifies as agriculture land. Establishes that soil assessment process becomes operative on October 1, 2011. Authorizes DLCDC to adopt rules prior to operative date. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 2009 version of legislation
- Cost to landowner
- Difference between soil classifier and soil scientist

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 1999, the Department of Land Conservation and Development was required by ORS 215.209 to develop a computerized database of county-wide maps that show the diversity of Oregon's rural lands. The database includes information on soil classifications.