

House Bill 3006

Sponsored by Representative GILLIAM

SUMMARY

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Creates Independent Multidisciplinary Dairy Animal Welfare Board. Establishes duties of board.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to dairy animals.

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

4 **SECTION 1. As used in this section and sections 2 and 3 of this 2011 Act:**

5 (1) **"Confined animal feeding operation" has the meaning given that term in ORS**
6 **468B.205.**

7 (2) **"Dairy animal" means an animal that is commercially raised for milk production**
8 **purposes and is housed in a confined animal feeding operation.**

9 **SECTION 2. (1) There is established an Independent Multidisciplinary Dairy Animal**
10 **Welfare Board. The State Veterinarian shall serve as chairperson of the board. In addition**
11 **to the State Veterinarian, the board shall have not more than five members appointed by the**
12 **Director of Agriculture.**

13 (2) **The appointed members of the board must be residents of this state who are well in-**
14 **formed on scientific or veterinary principles regarding dairy animal care, welfare and**
15 **husbandry and recognized agricultural practices affecting dairy animals.**

16 (3) **The term of office of each appointed member is two years, but an appointed member**
17 **serves at the pleasure of the director. Members are eligible for reappointment. The ap-**
18 **pointment of a member by the director shall be after consultation with, and is subject to**
19 **confirmation by, the State Board of Agriculture.**

20 (4) **A majority of the members of the Independent Multidisciplinary Dairy Animal Welfare**
21 **Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.**

22 (5) **The board shall meet once each biennium for the purpose of submitting comments**
23 **under section 3 (1)(a) of this 2011 Act regarding legislation. The board may meet at other**
24 **times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of**
25 **the board for the purpose of carrying out other board duties described in section 3 of this**
26 **2011 Act.**

27 (6) **The State Department of Agriculture shall provide administrative support to the**
28 **board.**

29 (7) **A member of the board is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS**
30 **292.495. Payment of compensation and expenses of the board shall be from funds available**
31 **to the department.**

32 **SECTION 3. (1) The Independent Multidisciplinary Dairy Animal Welfare Board may**

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.

1 submit comments to the Legislative Assembly, including but not limited to comments re-
2 garding potential impacts on dairy animal care and welfare and on the safety of human dairy
3 food supplies, on:

4 (a) Legislation dealing with dairy animal care, welfare or husbandry or with agricultural
5 practices affecting dairy animals;

6 (b) Proposed or adopted administrative rules dealing with dairy animal care, welfare or
7 husbandry or with agricultural practices affecting dairy animals;

8 (c) Ballot measures certified to the ballot dealing with dairy animal care, welfare or
9 husbandry or with agricultural practices affecting dairy animals; and

10 (d) Decisions of the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals that may have a significant
11 effect on laws or rules regarding dairy animal care, welfare or husbandry or on agricultural
12 practices affecting dairy animals.

13 (2) The board shall act as an independent scientific peer review panel for state agencies
14 that are responsible for regulating dairy animal care and welfare or regulating confined an-
15 imal feeding operations that house dairy animals. If the board submits a suggestion to a
16 state agency regarding the regulation of dairy animal care and welfare or the regulation of
17 confined animal feeding operations that house dairy animals, the agency shall respond in
18 writing to the board regarding the suggestion. If the state agency intends to implement a
19 suggestion submitted by the board, the agency response shall include, but need not be limited
20 to, a description of how the agency intends to accomplish implementation of the suggestion.
21 If the state agency does not intend to implement a suggestion submitted by the board, the
22 agency response shall include, but need not be limited to, the reasons that the agency does
23 not intend to implement the suggestion.

24 (3) The board shall provide advisory services as requested by legislative committees.
25 However, the board may not submit proposals for legislation.

26 (4) In carrying out duties under this section, the board shall operate under guidelines and
27 practices that are generally accepted by the scientific community as appropriate for use by
28 independent science boards.

29 **SECTION 4.** Notwithstanding the term of office specified by section 2 of this 2011 Act,
30 the Director of Agriculture may adjust the term of members first appointed to the Inde-
31 pendent Multidisciplinary Dairy Animal Welfare Board to reduce the disruption of board
32 functions when member terms expire.

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