

House Bill 3631

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SUMMARY

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Requires that Governor seek to ensure that appointed membership of State Board of Agriculture includes producers engaged in direct marketing of their agricultural commodities to consumers.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to appointed members of the State Board of Agriculture; amending ORS 561.372.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 561.372 is amended to read:

5 561.372. (1) In order that there may be the closest correspondence between State Department
6 of Agriculture policies and programs, the public interests and the resolution of practical agricultural
7 problems of the state, there is created the State Board of Agriculture.

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

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

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

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

24 (6) The Governor shall appoint two board members who are not actively involved in the pro-
25 duction of agricultural commodities to be representatives of the public interests. The Governor shall
26 appoint seven board members who are actively engaged in the production of agricultural commod-
27 ities. The Governor shall seek to ensure that the appointed board members who produce agricultural
28 commodities reflect the diverse nature of agricultural commodity production within the state, **in-**
29 **cluding but not limited to producers who engage in the direct marketing of their agricultural**
30 **commodity production to consumers.**

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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.