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RE: Senate Bill 361

The growers of hazelnuts in Oregon have put millions of dollars into the hazelnut breeding program at OSU via the Oregon Hazelnut Commission. Commissioners worked diligently for about 18 months to create an agreement with OSU whereby the industry would have input on where varieties are allowed to be sold and the timeframes in which they can be sold. A system of sharing royalties was also created.

While the Hazelnut Commission is happy with their existing agreement, they would not stand in the way of other Commissions who wish to move forward with a different concept, which the proposed bill represents.

Commissioners look forward to a continued, strong relationship that benefits both the industry and OSU.

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