

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	5 - 4 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, McKeown, Reardon, Unger, Witt
Nays:	Esquivel, Krieger, Thompson, Whitsett
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/26, 3/28, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes person engaged in farming practice to ask Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to conduct site inspection and monitoring of land if they believe planting, growing or harvesting on nearby land of commodity that contains genetically engineered (GE) material is interfering with or may interfere with farming practice through spreading. Requires ODA to conduct inspection upon request. Requires ODA to issue order requiring appropriate precautions and safeguards to prevent spread of GE material to nearby farms if ODA finds GE material is being planted, grown or harvested. Limits ODA site inspection and order to what is allowed under federal law or memorandum of understanding between ODA and federal agency. Authorizes ODA to assess civil penalty against person violating order not to exceed \$10,000.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Process used by GE farmer to eliminate chance of contamination
- GE foods in average American diet
- Consumption of GE crops
- Genesis of fear of GM crops

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Genetically engineered (GE) foods are created by artificially inserting genetic material from one or more organisms into the genetic code of another organism using modern genetic engineering techniques. House Bill 2319 would direct ODA to conduct a site inspection if requested by a farmer and issue an order requiring safeguards to prevent spread of GE materials to nearby farms.

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