

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2427 - A

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Prohibits raising canola within Willamette Valley.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Agriculture, Oregon University System (OUS): Oregon State University

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

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	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
General Fund	\$650,000	
Total Funds	\$650,000	\$0
Positions	5	
FTE	3.29	

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The bill, as amended, prohibits raising canola within the Willamette Valley, with certain exceptions, and establishes a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 for violation of canola planted on or after effective date of the act. Oregon University System (OUS), specifically Oregon State University (OSU), is directed to conduct peer-reviewed research to study the potential threats and benefits of raising canola in the Willamette Valley as well as the possible economic impacts. The bill states if funding has not been authorized to conduct research, then the project will be terminated 31 days after adjournment of the 77th Legislative Assembly. OSU is directed to complete and report research results to an interim committee dealing with agriculture by no later than November 1, 2016.

Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that with the passage of SB 242 (2011), which changed OUS status to a non-state agency, OUS is no longer eligible for direct appropriation from the General Fund. Instead, all appropriations for use by OUS must be made to a state agency, in this case we assume the Department of Agriculture, for transfer to OUS.

The funding requested would support three years of research work by 5 positions (3.29 FTE) including a faculty supervisor, post doctoral students and research assistants. Additional expenses will include supplies and materials needed to support the field research, laboratory research and analysis, and operations. Expenditures are estimated at \$650,000 General Fund in 2013-15 biennium.