

# House Bill 2427

Sponsored by Representative GELSER, Senator EDWARDS, Representative HOYLE; Representatives HOLVEY, NATHANSON, TOMEI (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Prohibits raising canola within Willamette Valley. Makes violation subject to civil penalty, not to exceed \$25,000. Prohibits State Department of Agriculture designation of control area allowing raising of canola within Willamette Valley. Applies to canola planted on or after effective date of Act.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to canola; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Canola" means plants of the genus Brassica:**

6 (A) **In which seeds having a high oil content are the primary economically valuable**  
7 **product; and**

8 (B) **That have a high erucic acid content suitable for industrial uses or a low erucic acid**  
9 **content suitable for edible oils.**

10 (b) **"Raising" means personal or commercial growing for oil, seed, forage, cover crop or**  
11 **other use.**

12 (c) **"Willamette Valley" means Clackamas, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington**  
13 **and Yamhill Counties and the portion of Benton and Lane Counties lying east of the summit**  
14 **of the Coast Range.**

15 (2) **A person may not engage in raising canola within the Willamette Valley.**  
16 **Notwithstanding ORS 570.450, the State Department of Agriculture may not designate any**  
17 **control area that allows the raising of canola within the Willamette Valley.**

18 (3) **The department may assess a civil penalty, not to exceed \$25,000, against a person**  
19 **that raises canola in violation of subsection (2) of this section.**

20 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act applies to the raising of canola planted on or after**  
21 **the effective date of this 2013 Act.**

22 **SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
23 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**  
24 **on its passage.**

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