

House Bill 3291

Sponsored by Representative BARNHART; Representative BUCKLEY

SUMMARY

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Prohibits raising of genetically engineered alfalfa. Makes violation subject to civil penalty, not to exceed \$25,000. Sunsets January 2, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to genetically engineered alfalfa.

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

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

5 (a) **"Genetically engineered" means having a genetic structure that has been altered at**
6 **the molecular or cellular level through recombinant DNA or RNA techniques, gene deletion**
7 **or doubling, alteration of gene position or the introduction of exogenous genetic material or**
8 **by other means that are not possible under natural conditions or processes.**

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

11 (c) **"Recombinant DNA or RNA techniques" means processes in which segments of**
12 **deoxyribonucleic acid or ribonucleic acid from different organisms are joined together to**
13 **create recombinant DNA or RNA molecules that have the capacity to replicate in a host cell,**
14 **either autonomously or as an integrated part of the host genome.**

15 (2) **A person may not engage in raising genetically engineered alfalfa in this state.**

16 (3) **The State Department of Agriculture may assess a civil penalty, not to exceed \$25,000,**
17 **against a person that raises genetically engineered alfalfa in violation of subsection (2) of this**
18 **section.**

19 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act applies to the raising of genetically engineered**
20 **alfalfa planted on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.**

21 **SECTION 3. (1) Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed January 2, 2019.**

22 (2) **The repeal of section 1 of this 2013 Act by subsection (1) of this section does not**
23 **prohibit the State Department of Agriculture from assessing or collecting a civil penalty for**
24 **a violation of section 1 of this 2013 Act occurring prior to January 2, 2019.**

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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.