

# Senate Bill 603

Sponsored by Senator KRUSE

## 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**.

Requires State Department of Agriculture to develop proposed requirement for certification, sale or labeling of agricultural product as organically produced. Requires that proposed requirement include prohibition against selling or labeling agricultural product as having been organically produced if product contains detectable levels of artificially derived compound. Requires department to submit proposal to United States Secretary of Agriculture for approval. Establishes timelines for submission of proposed requirement, implementation of requirement if approval is received and reporting to interim committee of Legislative Assembly regarding status of approval request.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the designation of agricultural products as organically produced; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "agricultural product" means any agricultural**  
6 **commodity or product, whether raw or processed, including any commodity or product de-**  
7 **derived from livestock that is marketed within this state for human consumption.**

8 **(2) The State Department of Agriculture shall develop a proposed requirement for the**  
9 **certification, sale or labeling in this state of agricultural products that are sold or labeled**  
10 **as being organically produced. The proposed requirement shall include, but need not be lim-**  
11 **ited to, a prohibition in this state against selling or labeling an agricultural product as having**  
12 **been organically produced if the product contains any detectable level of an artificially de-**  
13 **derived compound.**

14 **(3) The department shall ensure that the proposed requirement complies with all re-**  
15 **quirements set forth in 7 U.S.C. section 6507 (b)(2)(A) to (C). The department shall submit**  
16 **the proposed requirement to the United States Secretary of Agriculture and request approval**  
17 **of the proposed requirement by the secretary under 7 U.S.C. section 6507 (b)(2)(D).**

18 **(4) The department shall submit the proposed requirement as provided under subsection**  
19 **(3) of this section no later than January 2, 2014. If the secretary approves the proposed re-**  
20 **quirement, the department shall adopt rules to make implementation of the requirement**  
21 **operative no later than 90 days after the effective date authorized by the secretary.**

22 **(5) The department shall report as provided by ORS 192.245 to an interim committee of**  
23 **the Legislative Assembly dealing with matters related to agriculture no later than October**  
24 **1, 2015 regarding the status of the submission made to the secretary under this section re-**  
25 **questing approval of the proposed requirement.**

26 **SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**  
28 **on its passage.**

**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.

