

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: No fiscal impact****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:****Action:****Vote:**

Ayes, 59; Excused, 1

**Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Beth Reiley, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 5/4, 5/13

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes State Department of Agriculture (Department) director to provide notice of quarantine areas by newspaper of general circulation in the quarantine area and by one or more additional methods. Eliminates mandate to Department to declare hazard and establish control area in response to existence of eastern filbert blight. Eliminates references to Grade B milk. Authorizes Department director to choose method for making noxious weed information available. Expands definitions dealing with plant pests, infections, and infestations. Amends definition of “certificate of analysis” as it pertains to biodiesel. Eliminates requirement that Department give fuel dealers notice of threshold biodiesel production capacity. Repeals requirement that Department study and monitor ethanol production. Repeals obsolete statutes providing for participation in defunct Interstate Compact on Pest Control. Modernizes language.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Effective ways to notify public about quarantines.
- Notices in newspapers still considered effective for some target populations.
- Statute clean-ups.
- Deletes initial thresholds for biodiesel and renewable fuels because no longer necessary.

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** The changes proposed in House Bill 2445A are a collection of technical fixes requested by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.