

**HB 2653**

**Relating to location of apiaries**

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HB 2653 requires the Oregon State University Extension Service, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and beekeeping organizations, to establish a written policy on best practices for beekeeping within residential areas and disseminate the best practices and other available information to governing bodies and the general public.

Oregon State University reports that the funding for this work can be accomplished within the additional \$14 million provided in the Statewide Public Service Programs budget for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission contained in HB 5024.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2653 be reported out do pass.