

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water**

**MEASURE: HB 2445 A**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Witt**

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact  
**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

---

**Action Date:** 02/24/15  
**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.  
**Meeting Dates:** 02/12, 02/10, 02/24  
**Vote:**  
Yeas: 6 - Clem, Gilliam, Gomberg, Helm, McLane, Post  
Exc: 1 - Witt  
**Prepared By:** Ian Davidson, Committee Administrator

---

**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:**

- Effectiveness of digital notices
- Prevalence of Grade B milk in Oregon

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Restores requirement that Oregon Department of Agriculture give notice of quarantine orders and amendments to the orders by publication in newspapers in affected areas and requires publication by one or more additional methods.

**BACKGROUND:**

The changes proposed in House Bill 2445A are a collection of technical fixes requested by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA).

ORS 561.560(3) and 561.585 require publishing quarantine notices in newspapers of “general circulation throughout the state”. The proposed changes would require notice “by general circulation in the quarantine area and by one or more additional methods that reasonably ensure that affected persons and other members of the public have knowledge of quarantine order or amendment.”

ORS 570.405, which gives ODA authority to create control areas, includes special reference to eastern filbert blight, a disease that is now widespread and regulated by a statewide control area. The proposed change would delete the reference in the control authority statute.

ORS 646.912 implemented renewable fuel standards which required ODA to study and monitor ethanol production until the production threshold was met. The threshold designated in statute has since been met and exceeded.

ORS 646.912 (2) implemented renewable fuel standards relating to biodiesel production capacity. Since implementation the threshold has been met.

ORS 621.0655 makes reference to two standards of quality for milk. Presently, only one standard, Grade A, exists in Oregon. House Bill 2445A removes the reference to grade B milk.