

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/07/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways
And Means.

Meeting Dates: 02/12, 04/02, 04/07

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Esquivel, Frederick, Gorsek, Krieger, McKeown, McLain, Whitsett, Witt

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service, in consultation with State Department of Agriculture, to create best practices for beekeeping in residential areas. Provides method of dissemination for best practices. Allows local governments to adopt ordinances relating to beekeeping consistent with best practices. Allows local governments to charge reasonable fees for registering hives in residential areas. Makes findings related to beekeeping in urban and residential areas.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Residential apiary practices
- Best practice information dissemination process
- Colony collapse events

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Beekeeping and the establishment of apiaries in residential areas of the state has become increasingly popular. Presently, there are no established rules or standards for keeping bees in residential zones.

House Bill 2653 A would require Oregon State University Extension Service and the Oregon Department of Agriculture to create best practices for beekeeping in residential areas and disseminate that information.