

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/23/15

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 06/23

Vote:

Senate

Yeas: 12 - Burdick, Devlin, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

House

Yeas: 10 - Buckley, Gomberg, Huffman, Komp, Nathanson, Rayfield, Read, Whisnant, Whitsett, Williamson

Exc: 2 - McLane, Smith

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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:

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- Dissemination of best practices and utilization of master beekeeping program to assist with program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 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.