

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2653

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

2 “Whereas residential beekeepers contribute to the overall stability of pollinator populations
3 within urban areas when using safe and sound beekeeping practices; and

4 “Whereas education related to bees and beekeeping helps reduce conflicts, informs local decision
5 makers of the means to minimize nuisance complaints related to backyard beekeeping, and increases
6 the acceptance of residential beekeeping by neighbors; and

7 “Whereas the creation of best practice documentation for residential beekeeping can provide a
8 means for developing good local policies that facilitate healthy and safe apiary practices; now,
9 therefore,”.

10 Delete lines 4 through 7 and insert:

11 “**SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2015 Act are added to and made part of ORS chapter
12 602.**

13 “**SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon State University Extension Service, in consultation with the
14 State Department of Agriculture and beekeeping organizations, shall establish by written
15 policy best practices for beekeeping within residential areas.**

16 “(2) The policy set forth under subsection (1) of this section shall include recommen-
17 dations to address:

18 “(a) The application of local nuisance ordinances to manage conflicts that arise from
19 beekeeping within residential areas;

20 “(b) Methods for mitigating conflicts that arise from beekeeping within residential areas;
21 and

22 “(c) Local government oversight of beekeeping activities within residential areas.

23 “(3) The Oregon State University Extension Service shall collaborate with the League of
24 Oregon Cities and the Association of Oregon Counties to:

25 “(a) Disseminate the best practices described in subsection (1) of this section to local
26 governments; and

27 “(b) Make information about the activity of beekeeping in residential areas available to
28 the governing bodies of local governments and the general public.

29 “**SECTION 3. A local government may:**

30 “(1) Adopt ordinances consistent with the best practices described in section 2 of this
31 2015 Act; and

32 “(2) Charge a reasonable fee for registering hives in residential areas in accordance with
33 the rules established in ORS 602.090.

34 “**SECTION 4. A local government shall review existing ordinances and determine whether
to adopt new ordinances relating to residential beekeeping within three years of the effective**

1 **date of this 2015 Act.”**

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