

# House Bill 3435

Sponsored by Representative CLEM; Representatives FREDERICK, GORSEK (at the request of Oregon Grass Seed Bargaining Association)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes State Department of Agriculture to require person holding or applying for license to engage in seed transactions for commercial purposes to report grass seed supply information. Authorizes inspection of records to verify information. Allows license sanctions for failure to report required information. Directs that reported information required by department be developed by department into aggregated industry data from reported information. Authorizes department to charge fee for providing aggregated industry data.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to persons engaging in seed transactions for commercial purposes.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 633.511 to**  
5 **633.750.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Agriculture may require a person that holds**  
7 **or applies for a license under ORS 633.700 (1) and contracts with a farm in this state for the**  
8 **production of grass seed to periodically report grass seed supply information to the depart-**  
9 **ment, including, but not limited to, seed production contract information, seed inventory,**  
10 **and seed supply information regarding grass crop seed, any seed that the department deems**  
11 **is commonly recognized in this state as lawn or turf seed or any other seed the department**  
12 **identifies in rule as a form or type of grass seed. If a person reports information to the de-**  
13 **partment under this section, the department may inspect the records of the person during**  
14 **reasonable hours to verify the accuracy of the reported information.**

15 **(2) The department may suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or refuse to renew a license**  
16 **described under ORS 633.700 (1) due to failure of the person holding or applying for the li-**  
17 **cence to comply with a reporting requirement authorized by this section.**

18 **(3) Any information collected under this section in a form that would permit identifica-**  
19 **tion of the person reporting the information, or the business of the person, is conclusively**  
20 **presumed to be subject to ORS 192.501 (5). If the department collects grass seed supply in-**  
21 **formation under this section, the department shall use the information to develop aggregated**  
22 **industry data. The department may charge a reasonable fee for providing aggregated indus-**  
23 **try data described in this subsection.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.