

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2653**

1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

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

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

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

12 Delete lines 4 through 7 and insert:

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

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

19 **“(2) The policy set forth under subsection (1) of this section shall
20 include recommendations to address:**

21 **“(a) The application of local nuisance ordinances to manage con-
22 flicts that arise from beekeeping within residential areas;**

1 **“(b) Methods for mitigating conflicts that arise from beekeeping**
2 **within residential areas; and**

3 **“(c) Local government oversight of beekeeping activities within**
4 **residential areas.**

5 **“(3) The Oregon State University Extension Service shall collab-**
6 **orate with the League of Oregon Cities and the Association of Oregon**
7 **Counties to:**

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

10 **“(b) Make information about the activity of beekeeping in residen-**
11 **tial areas available to the governing bodies of local governments and**
12 **the general public.**

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

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

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

18 **“SECTION 4. A local government shall review existing ordinances**
19 **and determine whether to adopt new ordinances relating to residential**
20 **beekeeping within three years of the effective date of this 2015 Act.”.**

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