

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2371 - 4

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Measure Description:

Specifies that, for purposes of statutes regulating seeds, agricultural hemp seed is flower seed.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Agriculture, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Summary of Revenue Impact: See Analysis

Analysis:

HB 2371-4 establishes the Oregon Industrial Hemp Agricultural Pilot Research Program within the State Department of Agriculture. The bill directs the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University to participate in the program, and directs the dean and the Director of Agriculture to establish a program for labeling and certification of agricultural hemp seed. The bill establishes the Industrial Hemp Fund and allows the Department of Agriculture to charge fees for sampling, testing, and identification documentation.

The fiscal impact to the Department of Agriculture is indeterminate. The Department has indicated that to establish the program, it will likely have to undertake an extensive rulemaking and outreach effort, the scope of which is unclear. Furthermore, the Department has indicated that the extent of the work associated with program, and projects related to the program, are unknown. Additionally, the bill does not specify at which level fees will be set, therefore the revenue impact of the bill is indeterminate. The bill is anticipated to have a minimal impact on Oregon State University.