

HB 2364 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes reference to repealed statute ORS 36.270 and replaces with correct statutory reference to agricultural mediation program services under ORS 36.252. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

House Vote: Passed. Ayes, 57; Excused, 3--Evans, Sprenger, Stark

No fiscal impact, no revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 2015 legislation to address agricultural co-existence issues through mediation program
- Importance of mediation alternative

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Agriculture is required to coordinate mediation services upon request when a farmer has reason to believe a nearby farm is interfering with his or her practice. Details about the mediation program can be found in ORS 32.280, which contains a reference to rules in ORS 36.270, repealed in 2015.

House Bill 2364 would fix the incorrect reference in the statute and direct the reader to the current location of rules for agricultural mediation services coordinated by the Oregon Department of Agriculture in ORS 36.252.