

**HB 2730 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows golf course on land determined to be high-value farmland located west of U.S. Highway 101, surrounded on all sides by approved golf course and not otherwise described in ORS 195.300 (10).

*Minimal fiscal impact, no revenue impact*

*House Vote: Passed. Ayes, 52; Nays, 5--Alonso Leon, Helm, Holvey, Power, Rayfield; Excused, 1--Heard; Excused for Business of the House, 2--Gomberg, Marsh*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon's land use program emphasizes preserving agricultural lands through planning and zoning, including exclusive farm use (EFU) and high-value farmland designations. High-value farmland includes land with certain classes of soils and located in areas particularly well-suited to growing crops or other agricultural activities (OAR 660-033-0010). Currently Oregon law prohibits the establishment of golf courses on lands zoned EFU unless they are sited on land determined not to be high-value farmland.

House Bill 2730A would allow an exception for a golf course to be sited on high-value farmland located west of U.S. Highway 101 and surrounded on all sides by a golf course.