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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee
From: John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: Monday, June 26, 2017
Subject: HB 3249 Relating to land conservation
Work Session Recommendations

HB 3249 establishes the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission and the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund, and directs the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to establish programs that provide grants to owners of working land for succession planning, conservation management planning, covenants, and easements. Additionally, the measure requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study financial incentives, incremental tax reduction, and tax elimination regarding land transfer and succession planning for working land and report the findings by September 15, 2018.

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact to the Legislative Policy and Research Office for the study.

The proposed -2 amendment includes \$190,000 General Fund appropriation to OWEB to carry out the provisions of the bill. This includes \$100,000 for contracted services to assist with the rulemaking process.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -2 amendment providing \$190,000 General Fund to OWEB.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -2 amendment to HB 3249. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

MOTION: I move HB 3249 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____
House Floor: _____
Senate Floor: _____