

HB 2730 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Carrier: Rep. Smith DB

Action Date: 04/18/17
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 7-1-1-0
Yeas: 7 - Barreto, Clem, Esquivel, McKeown, McLain, Smith DB, Witt
Nays: 1 - Power
Exc: 1 - Sprenger
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Island on golf course designated high-value farmland
- Role of water right permit in land use designation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

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.