

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2535**

Ordered by the House April 24  
Including House Amendments dated April 24

Sponsored by Representative REARDON (Pre-session filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires State Department of Agriculture to conduct four-year pilot program for **controlling noxious weeds and** replacing noxious weeds *[that supply pollen and nectar to pollinating insects with noninvasive forage plants offering similar benefit for pollinating insects]* **with forage species suitable for pollination by insects.**

*[Requires department to report results of pilot program to interim committee of Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2022.]*

*[Establishes Pollinator Forage Pilot Program Fund for purpose of carrying out pilot program. Provides for fund moneys not expended for pilot program to be transferred for use in issuing weed control grants to counties.]*

*[Makes requirement for pilot program operative January 1, 2018.]*

*[Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.]*

**Sunsets requirement January 2, 2023.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to noxious weeds.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, "noxious weed" has the meaning given that term  
5 in **ORS 569.175.**

6 (2) The Director of Agriculture, in consultation with the State Weed Board, shall provide  
7 for the establishment within the State Department of Agriculture of a pilot program to  
8 control noxious weeds and to replace noxious weeds with forage species that are suitable for  
9 pollination by insects. The department may engage in outreach efforts to county weed con-  
10 trol districts, special weed control districts and other public and private entities in regard  
11 to the pilot program, including but not limited to efforts to coordinate the carrying out of  
12 the pilot program with programs of those entities.

13 (3) In addition to any moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for carrying out  
14 the pilot program, the department may seek gifts, grants or donations of moneys for the  
15 pilot program from public or private sources.

16 (4) The department shall conduct the pilot program for a period of four years.

17 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed **January 2, 2023.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.