

# Senate Bill 790

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

## SUMMARY

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Requires College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University to conduct study regarding *Arundo donax* L. Requires college to conclude study and report findings to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to *Arundo donax* L.; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, "Eastern Oregon" means the area of this state  
5 lying east of the summit of the Cascade Mountains.

6 (2) The College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University shall conduct a study  
7 of the plant variety *Arundo donax* L., commonly known as giant reed, that includes but need  
8 not be limited to determining the ability of *Arundo donax* L. to survive winter temperatures  
9 in Eastern Oregon, conducting a risk assessment for unintended migration or spreading of  
10 *Arundo donax* L. and assessing the likely impact on riparian habitats if *Arundo donax* L.  
11 migrates or escapes from areas intentionally planted for the production of *Arundo donax* L.  
12 The college shall conduct the study with regard to conventional stocks of *Arundo donax* L.  
13 and any plants developed through genetic modifications of *Arundo donax* L. publicly known  
14 to be under development at the time the study begins. The college shall also study any ge-  
15 netic modifications of *Arundo donax* L. that the college, in its discretion, believes based on  
16 research trends are likely to result in plants being submitted for federal marketing approval  
17 within 10 years after the study begins. The college may identify, evaluate and make recom-  
18 mendations regarding procedures and safeguards for preventing or reducing the chance of  
19 unintentional migration or spreading of *Arundo donax* L. or plants developed through genetic  
20 modifications of *Arundo donax* L.

21 (3) The college shall conclude the study and report its findings and any recommendations  
22 regarding the commercial production of *Arundo donax* L. to an interim committee of the  
23 Legislative Assembly related to natural resources, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245  
24 no later than September 15, 2018.

25 **SECTION 2.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
26 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect  
27 on its passage.

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