

HB 2740 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies 'industrial hemp' definition for the purposes of alignment with federal definition. Establishes the Oregon Industrial Hemp Commission. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Industrial hemp is an agricultural product that is subject to regulation by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and refers to cannabis varieties that are grown for fiber, seed, oil, or as a cover crop. The legislature has passed a series of laws related to industrial hemp over the past decade. In 2009, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 676, which authorized the production, possession, and commerce of industrial hemp commodities in Oregon. Oregon's first industrial hemp grower was licensed by ODA in early 2015. In 2016, House Bill 4060 updated and clarified provisions related to the regulation of industrial hemp and authorized ODA to adopt rules to govern quality, packaging, and labeling of industrial hemp seed. In 2017, House Bill 1015 provided for processing and sales of industrial hemp concentrates and extracts. In 2018, House Bill 4089 established the Oregon Industrial Hemp Agricultural Pilot Program, an agricultural hemp seed certificate program, the Industrial Hemp Fund, and further modified industrial hemp statutes related to testing, regulation, personal possession, and tetrahydrocannabinol concentration limits.

House Bill 2740 would establish the Oregon Industrial Hemp Commission, and would align the state definition of 'industrial hemp' with the federal definition.