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Measure: SB 885

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Measure Description:

Extends and modifies program limiting canola production in Willamette Valley Protected District.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The legislation allows the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to issue licenses to grow up to 500 acres per year of canola within the Willamette Valley Protected District. ODA must adopt rules to provide protections adequate to maintain the unique attributes of the specialty seed industry in this state. A civil penalty may be assessed, not to exceed \$25,000; against a person who violates the terms of a canola license issued by ODA.

The legislation is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Agriculture related to rulemaking which could be extensive given the contentious nature of canola cultivation in this state; Furthermore, the absence of a sunset on the legislation indicates that these costs may be ongoing for the agency. Additional analysis is required to estimate licensing fee revenue and civil penalties.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required

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