

House Bill 2793

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE (at the request of Representative Brian Clem)

SUMMARY

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Amends series citation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to agriculture.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 561.191 is amended to read:

5 561.191. (1) The State Department of Agriculture shall develop and implement any program or
6 rules that directly regulate farming practices, as defined in ORS 30.930, that are for the purpose of
7 protecting water quality and that are applicable to areas of the state designated as exclusive farm
8 use zones under ORS 215.203 or other agricultural lands in Oregon, including but not limited to
9 rules related to:

10 (a) Protection of the quality of surface or ground water;

11 (b) Wellhead protection areas;

12 (c) Coastal zone management areas;

13 (d) Areas of ground water concern; and

14 (e) Ground water management areas.

15 (2) Any program or rules adopted by the State Department of Agriculture under subsection (1)
16 of this section shall be designed to assure achievement and maintenance of water quality standards
17 adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission.

18 (3) If two or more state agencies are required to adopt rules under ORS 468B.150 to 468B.190,
19 the agencies:

20 (a) Shall consult with one another and coordinate the rules; and

21 (b) May consolidate the rulemaking proceedings.

22 (4) Nothing in this section is intended to change or reduce the authority of the Water Resources
23 Commission or the Water Resources Department under ORS chapters 536 to [543] **543A**.

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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.