House Bill 2924

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE (Presession 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 as introduced.

Prohibits Department of Environmental Quality and State Department of Agriculture from issuing or renewing license or permit to allow construction or operation of new industrial dairy, addition to or expansion of existing industrial dairy or addition to or expansion of dairy that would cause dairy to become industrial dairy.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to industrial dairies.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of Oregonians to prohibit the proliferation of industrial dairies until the impacts of industrial dairies, including impacts to air quality, climate, water quality, water supplies, small- and medium-sized dairies, community and worker health and animal welfare, have been adequately studied and addressed through laws and rules.

(2) The Department of Environmental Quality and the State Department of Agriculture may not issue or renew a license or permit to allow the construction or operation of:

(a) A new industrial dairy;

(b) An addition to, or expansion of, an existing industrial dairy; or

(c) An addition to, or expansion of, an existing dairy if the addition or expansion would cause the dairy to become an industrial dairy.

(3) As used in this section, “industrial dairy” means a concentrated animal feeding operation or confined animal feeding operation that has at least 2,500 cows.

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.

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