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TO: House Interim Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
FROM: Anna Glueder, LPRO Analyst
RE: 2024 Committee LC Summaries
Date: January 11, 2024

LC 45: Requires the Oregon Department of Agriculture to study brassica production in the Willamette Valley Protected District and submit a report to the appropriate interim committee of the legislature by September 15, 2025. Sunsets January 2, 2026. (Dated 12/15/23)

LC 56: Appropriates \$10.8 million General Fund moneys to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) for deposit in the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage. (Dated 12/15/23)

LC 69: Directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to establish and implement an Elk Damage Prevention and Compensation Pilot Program (pilot program) under which ODA may award compensation for certain damages caused by elk or preventive measures to eligible persons. Requires ODA, in consultation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), to select two pilot program areas, one on each side of the Cascade Mountains, and specifies selection criteria. Specifies eligibility criteria for damages, land, persons, and preventive measures included in the pilot program. Directs ODA to establish via rulemaking the pilot program's enrollment, claim submission and assessment process, terms for awarding compensation for large area barriers, methods for determining compensation amounts, and award prioritization, as well as a list of best preventive measures. Establishes the Elk Damage Prevention and Compensation Fund (fund) and appropriates General Fund moneys to ODA for deposit in the fund. Requires ODA and ODFW to provide reports on the outcomes of the pilot program to a natural resources related interim legislative committee as soon as there is sufficient data, and no later than September 15, 2028, and specifies report requirements. Sunsets January 2, 2030 and specifies that any moneys remaining in the fund after the measure's sunset are reverted to the General Fund. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die. (Dated 01/04/24)