A-Bill For An Act

Relating to a study concerning PFAS in biosolids applied to land; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon State University Extension Service and the College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University shall conduct a study of the fate and transport of perfluorooalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) found in biosolids that are applied to agricultural fields across this state. In conducting the study under this section, the extension service and the college shall collaborate with the Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon wastewater service providers to:

(a) Identify PFAS concentrations in biosolids produced by selected wastewater treatment facilities in this state;

(b) Compare the PFAS concentrations identified under paragraph (a) of this subsection to PFAS concentrations in the selected agricultural fields where biosolids have been applied as a soil amendment;

(c) Examine the potential for PFAS to leach into ground water; and

(d) Examine PFAS uptake in representative crops from various ecosystems in this state.

(2) The extension service and college shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture not later than September 15, 2025.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.
regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.