

# Senate Bill 617

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (at the request of Oregon Organic Coalition) (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Instructs Director of Agriculture to employ organic policy special assistant to director.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to an organic policy special assistant to the Director of Agriculture; amending ORS 561.070.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 561.070 is amended to read:

561.070. (1) The Director of Agriculture may employ veterinarians, chemists, bacteriologists and other experts, inspectors, accountants, stenographers, clerks or other help necessary to carry out efficiently the work of the State Department of Agriculture. The director may assign duties and responsibilities to each officer and employee of the department.

(2) The director may at any time designate or appoint any officer or employee of the department to act as assistant director of agriculture and may terminate such designation or appointment at any time, with or without cause. The assistant director of agriculture may perform such duties of the director as may be prescribed by the director.

(3) If the director appoints any research analysts pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, two of such research analysts may be members of unclassified service as provided in ORS chapter 240.

**(4) The director shall employ an organic policy special assistant to the director to coordinate:**

**(a) The marketing of organic products.**

**(b) The facilitation of trade in organic products.**

**(c) Support for implementation of organic farming practices.**

**(d) The integration into all relevant department programs of policies that encourage organic farming and the production of organic food and fiber.**

**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.