

Requested by Representative HELM

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3244**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 12 through 29.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 30 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Agriculture shall conduct**
4 **an analysis of the economic competitiveness of Oregon’s agricultural**
5 **sector and submit a report on the analysis, in the manner prescribed**
6 **in ORS 192.245, to a committee or interim committee of the Legislative**
7 **Assembly related to agriculture on or before September 15, 2024.**

8 **“(2) The analysis must, at a minimum:**

9 **“(a) Assess the economic competitiveness of Oregon agricultural**
10 **products within the United States domestic market, considering:**

11 **“(A) The impacts of drought, heat, wildfire, climate change and**
12 **water availability on crop production and harvest losses, and any as-**
13 **sociated crop insurance gaps related to the impacts.**

14 **“(B) Labor shortages, farmworker housing supply, costs of guest**
15 **worker programs and tax credits related to labor and housing.**

16 **“(C) The overall regulatory burden on Oregon agricultural entities,**
17 **including the cost of compliance verification, compared to regulatory**
18 **burdens on other sectors within this state and compared to agricul-**
19 **tural sectors in other states.**

20 **“(D) Any competitive advantages that agricultural sectors in other**
21 **states attain through ecosystem practice payments, carbon**

1 sequestration payments and other incentive programs, as well as
2 through investments in solutions such as drought-resilient crops.

3 “(E) Specialty or niche agricultural sectors that may present strong
4 economic opportunities in national or international markets.

5 “(F) The viability of local food markets in Oregon.

6 “(G) Regional capacity to add value to Oregon commodities.

7 “(H) The transfer and succession of agricultural operations or lands
8 to protect and sustain the agricultural economy.

9 “(b) Assess the impacts on the Oregon agricultural sector from
10 changes in the global market and supply chains after 2020, considering:

11 “(A) Whether Oregon should increase produce as a component of
12 the overall agricultural sector in this state.

13 “(B) The costs of agricultural inputs, including fuels, fertilizers,
14 other chemical inputs and energy.

15 “(c) Assess the impacts on the Oregon agricultural sector from
16 foreign investment in Oregon agricultural land.

17 “(3) In completing the analysis, the department shall seek and
18 consider input from stakeholders representing the diversity of
19 Oregon’s agricultural sector, including but not limited to Indian
20 tribes, various types and sizes of agricultural operations, farmworkers,
21 experts from universities and others with relevant agricultural expe-
22 rience.

23 “(4) The report must include recommendations that may form the
24 basis of a new or revised strategic road map aimed at ensuring the
25 competitiveness of Oregon agriculture, based on the results of the
26 analysis.

27 “(5) The department may contract for completion of the analysis
28 and the report.

29 “(6) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are
30 directed to assist the department, as requested by the department, in

1 **the performance of the duties described in this section.”.**

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