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Measure: HB4059

HB 4059 was supposed to implement solutions for coexistence between specialty seed and canola growers based on a workgroup that was initiated by legislation last session.

The -7 amendment would place a restriction on all genetically engineered brassicas within the Willamette Valley Protected District, which has no basis in science and was not part of the work group discussion.

Follow the science – legislators should not be in the position of picking winners and losers among Oregon’s crops, particularly when there isn’t a scientific basis for doing so.

The Federal Government takes many years to approve gmo crops. This is not something the Oregon legislature needs to be involved in.