

# Senate Bill 208

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells an agency to study seaweed production. The Act gives money for the study. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.8).

Directs the State Department of Agriculture, in partnership with Oregon State University, to study the potential for developing commercial seaweed production for certain purposes. Directs the department to report on the study on or before September 15, 2027.

Appropriates moneys to Oregon State University, out of the General Fund, for the study.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to using seaweed as feed for livestock; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Agriculture, in partnership with Oregon State**  
5 **University, shall study the potential for developing commercial seaweed production to**  
6 **produce feed for livestock as a means to reduce methane emissions.**

7 **(2) The department shall present the study in a report to an appropriate committee or**  
8 **interim committee of the Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided under ORS 192.245,**  
9 **on or before September 15, 2027.**

10 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

11 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
12 **ated to Oregon State University, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General**  
13 **Fund, the amount of \$250,000, which may be expended for the purposes described in section**  
14 **1 of this 2025 Act.**

15 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
17 **on its passage.**

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**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.