

House Bill 2250

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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**.

Revises laws regarding agricultural experiment stations and related facilities. Gives director of agricultural experiment station authority to establish, operate, reconfigure and discontinue branch agricultural experiment stations and related facilities.

Eliminates references to specific branch agricultural experiment stations and related facilities. Eliminates codified appropriations of specific amounts. Eliminates Gorse Control Account.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to agricultural experiment facilities; creating new provisions; amending ORS 567.015 and
3 567.240; and repealing ORS 567.010, 567.025, 567.030, 567.035, 567.040, 567.045, 567.205, 567.210,
4 567.215, 567.220, 567.230, 567.235, 567.255, 567.260, 567.265, 567.270, 567.275, 567.325, 567.330,
5 567.355, 567.360, 567.365, 567.405, 567.410, 567.430, 567.435, 567.455, 567.475, 567.480, 567.505,
6 567.510, 567.515, 567.520, 567.575 and 567.580.

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

8 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Board of Higher Education shall establish and operate at**
9 **Oregon State University an agricultural experiment station for the purpose conducting ag-**
10 **ricultural research. The board, or a designee, shall appoint a director for the experiment**
11 **station. Subject to the approval of the board, the director may establish, operate, reconfigure**
12 **and discontinue branch agricultural experiment stations and related facilities as the director**
13 **determines to be necessary.**

14 **(2) In conducting the work of the agricultural experiment station, branch stations and**
15 **related facilities, the director may cooperate with any federal, state or county government**
16 **or individual and may, for that purpose, enter into necessary agreements with any govern-**
17 **ment department, division, branch, bureau or office or with any individual.**

18 **SECTION 2. The State Board of Higher Education shall cause to be prepared and pub-**
19 **lished at least once every two years a complete report of the work undertaken and accom-**
20 **plished by the agricultural experiment station. The board shall cause to be prepared and**
21 **published at least once every two years a complete report for each of the branch stations,**
22 **detailing the work of that branch station. The board shall distribute the reports described**
23 **in this section free of charge.**

24 **SECTION 3. (1) The stations and facilities established by the director of the agricultural**
25 **experiment station under section 1 of this 2005 Act shall include, but need not be limited to,**
26 **stations and facilities adequate for carrying out the following activities:**

27 **(a) Eradicating and controlling anacharis densa and other algae, including all detrimental**
28 **weeds and grasses that are found growing in the waters, lakes and streams of this state.**

29 **(b) Investigation of and experimentation in problems encountered in the production of**

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.

1 horticultural and field crops.

2 (c) Investigating and demonstrating the conditions under which useful plants may be
 3 grown on dry, arid or nonirrigated lands of this state and determining the kinds of plants
 4 best adapted for growth on those lands.

5 (d) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, securing and demonstrating more profitable
 6 wheat varieties, more profitable crops on lands producing wheat, and suitable grasses for
 7 grazing lands.

8 (e) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, crop rotation experimental and demon-
 9 stration work east of the Cascade Range.

10 (f) Investigating and demonstrating methods for improving agricultural and livestock
 11 conditions in the range areas in southeastern Oregon.

12 (g) Investigating pathological and other agricultural problems affecting the interests of
 13 the state.

14 (2) To carry out subsection (1)(c) of this section, the director shall assign station per-
 15 sonnel to:

16 (a) Secure seeds, from this and other countries, of plants that are thought suitable for
 17 growth on dry lands, and observe and record the growth, yield and composition of the plants
 18 grown from those seeds.

19 (b) Investigate and determine the methods of soil treatment by which the soil water is
 20 best conserved.

21 (c) Investigate the possibilities of grazing on dry lands that have been seeded to different
 22 crops.

23 (3) Subsection (1)(d) and (e) of this section applies only if the director determines that
 24 sufficient local resources are available and willing to cooperate in the work.

25 **SECTION 4.** (1) All moneys appropriated under ORS 567.010 remaining unexpended on the
 26 effective date of this 2005 Act shall be deposited in the account created under ORS 567.015.

27 (2) All moneys appropriated to the Gorse Control Account created under ORS 567.030
 28 from the General Fund and remaining unexpended on the effective date of this 2005 Act shall
 29 revert to the General Fund to be used for general governmental purposes. All moneys de-
 30 posited in the Gorse Control Account from sources other than a General Fund appropriation
 31 and remaining unexpended on the effective date of this 2005 Act shall be returned to the
 32 source or, if the State Treasurer does not know the source of the moneys, shall revert to
 33 the General Fund to be used for general governmental purposes.

34 **SECTION 5.** ORS 567.015 is amended to read:

35 567.015. The cost of operation of the greenhouse facilities for testing seed potatoes of individual
 36 growers shall be paid by *[such]* the growers in *[such]* proportionate amounts as *[shall be agreed upon*
 37 *as being equitable and just considering]* growers and the director of the agricultural experiment
 38 station agree are reasonable for the service rendered. *[The amount so paid shall be deposited in*
 39 *the separate account referred to in ORS 567.010 and such money hereby is appropriated for expenditure*
 40 *in paying the cost of operation of such facilities.]* Amounts paid under this section shall be de-
 41 posited in a separate account within the General Fund and are continuously appropriated to
 42 the State Board of Higher Education for the purpose of operating the greenhouse facilities
 43 for testing seed potatoes.

44 **SECTION 6.** ORS 567.240 is amended to read:

45 567.240. *[In the event the station is discontinued,]* If property purchased or leased by a county

1 **court under former ORS 567.230 and 567.235 ceases to be used as a branch agricultural ex-**
 2 **periment station**, the property acquired under **former** ORS 567.230 and 567.235, including land,
 3 [and] improvements [*thereon as well as the improvements*] **to purchased land and improvements**
 4 placed upon leased land, may be sold by the county court in [*such*] a manner and upon [*such*] terms
 5 and conditions as the county court at a regular term [*thereof*] may determine. The proceeds arising
 6 from [*such*] **the** sale shall be returned to the general fund of the county.

7 **SECTION 7. ORS 567.010, 567.025, 567.030, 567.035, 567.040, 567.045, 567.205, 567.210, 567.215,**
 8 **567.220, 567.230, 567.235, 567.255, 567.260, 567.265, 567.270, 567.275, 567.325, 567.330, 567.355,**
 9 **567.360, 567.365, 567.405, 567.410, 567.430, 567.435, 567.455, 567.475, 567.480, 567.505, 567.510,**
 10 **567.515, 567.520, 567.575 and 567.580 are repealed.**

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