



## Oregon House Bill 2289

This bill was approved on January 30, 2007. We want you to be aware of this legislation if you currently do business in Oregon or if you might do business in Oregon in the future.

House Bill 2289 is a measure to address commercial feed issues in that state. In addition to revisions to the existing commercial feed law, the legislation authorizes the Oregon Department of Agriculture to develop rules governing bird feed products. Previous to this legislation, bird feed products were not regulated in Oregon. The current Oregon definition of commercial feed exempts household birds (caged birds) from all provisions of the law.

First, the legislation requires any company selling commercial feed, including **mixed** wild bird seed products, in the State of Oregon to register that product. Please note that single seed products are not required to register. The cost to register a product is not to exceed \$20 for each formula or formulation of commercial feed under each brand. The fee will be established by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Second, the legislation authorizes the Oregon Department of Agriculture to establish rules regarding noxious weed seeds in bird feed sold in Oregon. The legislation makes viable noxious weed seeds (if they are of the type set in rule) an adulterant if they are found in any product intended for feeding wild birds (blends or single seeds).

WBFI submitted a letter to the Oregon Department of Agriculture on January 30<sup>th</sup> expressing our concern with the bird feed provisions of this legislation and offering the assistance of the WBFI in the development of the rules governing bird feed products marketed in Oregon. WBFI member Gordy Kribs of North Pacific Trading will be included on the committee involved in the development of the rules.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture expects to begin bird feed rule development in early 2008. We will keep you advised of further developments on this and other noxious weed issues. As we get close to the 2007 crop season, it remains important to the future of our industry to encourage producers to control the growth of noxious weeds in their fields.

Thanks!

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