

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2487

Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Section 52296 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to seed.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2487, as introduced, O'Donnell. Seed Advisory Board: report.

Existing law establishes the Seed Advisory Board and requires the board to advise the Secretary of Food and Agriculture and make recommendations on matters including, but not limited to, seed law and regulations, seed laboratory diagnostics, and annual budgets required to regulate the seed industry.

This bill would require the board to complete a comprehensive review of the seed program, including a review of the seed laboratory, and prepare and submit to the secretary a report on its findings, on or before July 1, 2018.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 52296 of the Food and Agricultural Code
2 is amended to read:
3 52296. (a) The board shall be advisory to the secretary and
4 may make recommendations on all matters pertaining to this
5 ~~chapter~~ *chapter*, including, but not limited to, seed law and
6 regulations, enforcement, seed laboratory ~~diagnostics~~ *diagnostics*,

1 and annual budgets required to accomplish the purposes of this
2 chapter. The board shall be advisory as to the scope of the program
3 funded by industry and recommend the dollar volume assessments,
4 which, when combined with the registration fee required by this
5 chapter, shall provide adequate funds to support the program.

6 *(b) The board shall conduct a comprehensive review of the seed*
7 *program, including a review of the seed laboratory, and prepare*
8 *and submit to the secretary a report on its findings on or before*
9 *July 1, 2018.*

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