

# 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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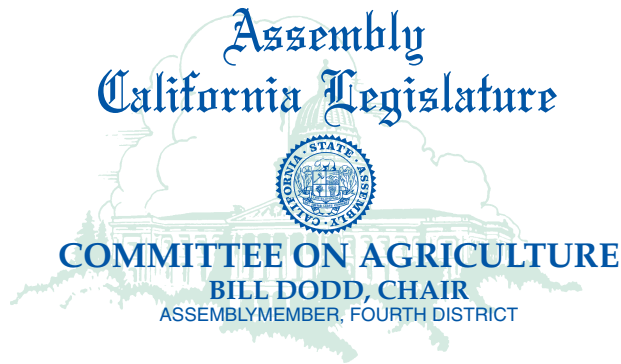
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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The following report summarizes legislation referred to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture during the 2015-2016 legislative session and indicates the final status of each measure.

The Committee's primary jurisdiction extends to agricultural land use, commodity specific legislation, agricultural commissions and councils, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, fairs and expositions, agricultural marketing, food safety and labeling, and agricultural pesticides.

For additional information regarding this summary, or other activities of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, please contact the Committee staff at 916-319-2084.

Sincerely,

A large, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Dodd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B" and "D".

Bill Dodd, Chair

# **Assembly Committee on Agriculture**

## ***Bill Dodd, Chair***

### **2015 - 2016 Legislative Summary**

#### **ASSEMBLY BILLS**

##### **AB 243 (Wood) – Medical marijuana.**

Establishes a regulatory program for the cultivation of medical cannabis, as part of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA). The state agencies are required to take actions to mitigate the impact that marijuana cultivation has on the environment. This bill would require a state licensing authority to charge each licensee under the Act a licensure and renewal fee, and impose fines and civil penalties for specified violations of MMRSA. Fees and fines would be used to cover the cost of implementing and enforcing MMRSA.

Authorizes an initial operating loan from the General Fund to the MMRSA Fund (Fund) of up to \$10 million, and would appropriate \$10 million from the Fund to the California Department of Consumer Affairs to begin the activities of the Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation.

This bill is dependent on the passage of AB 266 (Bonta) of 2015, and SB 643 (McGuire) of 2015, and is part of a package of bills to address the regulation of medical marijuana in California.

AB 243 was double referred to the Assembly Agriculture Committee, and to Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 688, Statutes of 2015.***

**AB 264 (Dahle) – Farm products: processors: produce dealers: seeds.**

Removes seed from the definition of "farm product" under market enforcement provisions regarding produce dealers, thereby removing seed dealers from these provisions; retains one market enforcement provision pertaining to the use of product liens for seed owned and grown by a seed producer and sold to a seed dealer under contract; and, adds to the California Seed Law the authority for the California Department of Food and Agriculture to establish methods and procedures to settle disputes regarding financial terms and lack of payment by a seed dealer to a seed grower.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 294, Statutes of 2015.***

**AB 315 (Bigelow) – Tribal gaming: compact ratification.**

As introduced, this bill's language was regarding Fairs: annual expenditures. It was amended August 20, 2015, and replaced with language regarding tribal gaming: compact ratification.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 512, Statutes of 2015.***

**AB 350 (Alejo) – District-based Municipal Elections: preapproval hearings.**

Originally, this bill was about agricultural pest control advisers and specified that when testing for an agricultural pest control advisor license, the certification for plant growth regulation include plant and soil health.

This bill was amended on February 29, 2016, and replaced with language regarding district-based municipal elections: preapproval hearings.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 737, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 629 (Gonzalez) – Tribal Gaming: compact ratification:**

As introduced, this bill, authored by Assemblymember Perea, was regarding market milk: stabilization and marketing plans: minimum prices. It would have required the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to ensure that dairy producers and milk handlers receive notice of the monthly prices for the various components of market milk, as specified. This bill would also have made non-substantive changes to the provisions regarding maximum and minimum charges for services for the formulated stabilization and marketing plans that establish the prices to be paid by milk handlers for specified classes of market milk.

It was amended on June 16, 2016, and replaced with language regarding tribal gaming: compact ratification.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 160, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 655 (Quirk) – Rendering: inedible kitchen grease: registration fee: additional fees.**

Adds findings and declarations to the Food and Agricultural Code regarding the rendering industry, and the value of recycling waste animal tissue. This bill would increase the registration fee and other additional fees charged by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to cover administrative costs associated with the transportation of inedible kitchen grease, and would authorize CDFA to raise specified fees only upon recommendation of the Rendering Industry Advisory Committee.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 286, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 689 (Dodd) – Marketing of Eggs: violations:administrative and civil penalties.**

Authorizes the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to refuse to issue, or suspend or revoke, an egg handler or egg producer certificate of registration, as specified; would authorize CDFA to adopt regulations to classify egg marketing violations and would increase the maximum civil penalty from \$1,000 to \$10,000; and, authorizes CDFA and county agricultural commissioners, in lieu of prosecution, to levy an administrative penalty, as specified.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 302, Statutes of 2015.***

**AB 707 (Wood) – Agricultural land: Williamson Act contracts: cancellation.**

Requires the Department of Conservation (DOC) to provide a preliminary valuation of the Williamson Act (Act) contract land to the county assessor and the city council or board of supervisors (local government) at least 60 days prior to the effective date of the agreed upon cancellation valuation if the contract includes additional local cancellation fees.

Addresses situations where a local government has imposed an Act cancellation fee in addition to the state Act cancellation fee. This bill is a result of an issue that

arose in Humboldt County, that had an additional cancellation fee, which felt it was not allowed to have an equal say in the cancellation fee valuation negotiated between DOC and the Act contract holder.

This bill was double referred to Assembly Agriculture Committee and Assembly Local Government Committee.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 631, Statutes of 2015.***

**AB 732 (Cooper) – Cattle protection: brands: inspection: fees.**

Exempts cattle from brand inspection when sold or ownership is transferred when all of the following apply: the entity with a controlling interest does not change; the cattle remain within California or the point-of-origin inspection area; and, the cattle are associated with a registered brand or dairy exemption number. This bill would also increase specified related fee caps for brand registrations and cattle inspections.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 406, Statutes of 2015.***

**AB 751 (Cooper) – Vertebrate Pest Control Research Program: repeal extension.**

Focuses on finding safer alternative methods to control pests. The research is funded with the sale of rodenticides, that has helped develop or improve control of vertebrate pests. The Program annually raises and spends an average of approximately \$480,000. AB 751 extends the repeal date for provisions relating to vertebrate pest control from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2026.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 372, Statutes of 2015.***

**AB 820 (Mark Stone) – Fish and shellfish: labeling and identification.**

Requires all fish and shellfish sold in California for human consumption be clearly labeled at the point of sale, whether they are wild caught or farm raised.

***From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk Pursuant to Joint Rule 56.***

**AB 862 (Agriculture Committee) – Agriculture.**

Makes clarifying and substantive changes to the Food and Agricultural Code in regard to citrus pest and disease prevention expenditure reimbursements and adds "cultivated mushrooms" and "herbs" to the list of products that cannot be sold in

areas in proximity to a Certified Farmers' Market. This bill makes other technical and substantive changes.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 374, Statutes of 2015.***

**AB 958 (Agriculture Committee) – Agriculture: California Avocado Commission: California Salmon Council.**

Changes the membership and district reapportionment of the California Avocado Commission; requires the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to hold a referendum vote to include salmon handlers on the California Salmon Council (CSC), as specified; and provides for CSC implementation procedures, membership, and other conforming changes should the referendum affirm handler participation.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 307, Statutes of 2015.***

**AB 1039 (Agriculture Committee) – Fertilizing materials: violations: administrative penalty: filing of final judgement.**

This bill removes the authority of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to levy a civil penalty against a person in violation of provisions relating to fertilizer, and instead authorizes CDFA to levy an administrative penalty; authorizes CDFA to file CDFA's final decision directing payment of an administrative penalty and, if applicable, an order denying a petition for a writ of administrative mandamus with the county court clerk who shall enter judgement immediately and at no cost.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 227, Statutes of 2015.***

**AB 1135 (Levine, Ting) – Firearms: assault weapons.**

As originally introduced by Assemblymember Perea, this bill was about agricultural products and would have made additions and clarifying corrections to the Citrus Pests and Disease Management Program and the Certified Farmers' Market statutes. It was amended July 1, 2015, with language pertaining to the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency Act. This bill was then double referred to the Natural Resources and Water Committee, and the Governance and Finance Committee.

AB 1135 was amended on May 4, 2016, and language was inserted relative to firearms: assault weapons.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 40, Statutes of 2016.***

### **AB 1247 (Irwin) – Sales and use taxes: exemption: organic input material.**

As introduced, AB 1247's subject matter was: Fertilizer: organic input materials. The bill was amended March 24, 2015, with language pertaining to "sales and use taxes: exemption: organic input material. This bill provides a sales and use tax (SUT) exemption for "organic input material" to be applied to land, the products of which are to be used as food for human consumption or are to be sold in the regular course of business. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Defines "organic input material" as auxiliary soil and plant substance, specialty fertilizer, or soil amendment, excluding pesticides, that complies with the requirements of the National Organic Program standards, as specified in the Code of Federal Regulations.
- 2) Provides that, notwithstanding existing law, the state shall not reimburse any local agency for SUT revenues lost as a result of this exemption.
- 3) Takes immediate effect as a tax levy, but only becomes operative on the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 90 days after this bill's effective date.

This bill originally was double referred to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, and the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. After the March 24, 2015 amendments, the bill was returned to Assembly Rules Committee whereby it was then referred to the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

***From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk Pursuant to Joint Rule 56.***

### **AB 1321 (Ting) – Nutrition Incentive Matching Grant Program.**

Establishes the Nutrition Incentive Matching Grant (NIMG) Program in the Office of Farm to Fork (OF2F); creates a NIMG account and requires OF2F to establish minimum standards, funding schedules and grant procedures for the NIMG program. This bill directs the OF2F to solicit grant proposals, score, and award grant funds as specified, and establish standards, funding schedules, and procedures for awarding grants in consultation with the United States Department



of Agriculture. AB 1321 also establishes standards for prioritizing grants within the state.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 442, Statutes of 2015.***

**AB 1363 (Salas) – Animals: Estrays: alpacas, llamas, and goats.**

Would add "alpaca and goat" to the definition of "estrays"; adds "sheep, swine, alpaca, llama or goat" to the list of animals that require a pound keeper or public animal control agency or shelter to immediately notify the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) upon impoundment; requires CDFA to take possession of that animal and makes technical changes.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 444, Statutes of 2015.***

**AB 1810 (Levine) – California Seed Law: exclusion: noncommercial seed sharing.**

Exempts noncommercial seed sharing activities from California Seed Law requirements; provides a definition for "noncommercial seed sharing activities;" permits the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to require notification of such activities; provides legislative findings; and, permits CDFA to post on its Web site information on noncommercial seed sharing activities.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 259, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 1811 (Dodd) – Fertilizer: organic input material: registration: inspections.**

Authorizes the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to develop a new schedule for organic input material registration; authorize provisional label registration, as specified; prioritize inspections for high-risk products and manufacturers; and, authorizes CDFA to determine whether a fertilizer material is mislabeled, as specified.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter of 448, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 1826 (Mark Stone) – Organic products.**

Overhauls the State Organic Program (SOP), by changing the SOP fee structure; grants a larger administrative role to accredited certifying agencies; revises the composition of the California Organic Products Advisory Committee; and, revises required information provided for registration and recordkeeping.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 403, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 1894 (Agriculture Committee) – Food and Agriculture: omnibus bill.**

This bill is an omnibus agriculture bill that makes the following changes:

- 1) Makes adjustments to rules related to requirements for making and packaging frozen novelties.
- 2) Authorizes the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to collect assessments for the Standardization and Citrus Programs together and specifies an adequate time frame for remittance.
- 3) Clarifies the authority of CDFA's Dairy Marketing Branch to finance environmental research projects of interest to the dairy industry.
- 4) Deletes term limits for the board members of the California Sheep Commission.
- 5) Provides technical clean up to AB 707 (Wood), Chapter 631, Statutes of 2015, relating to Williamson Act contract cancellation and local cancellation fees.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter 260, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 1907 (Daly) – Orange County Fair: sale of state property.**

This bill repeals the authorization for the Department of General Services to sell the Orange County Fair (OCF) and removes OCF from the list of state assets to be sold.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 295, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 1976 (Irwin, Williams) – Food and Agriculture: marketing advisory and promotional boards, councils, and commissions.**

Makes several changes to the California Avocado Commission (CAC) and the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Bagley-Keene).

**For the CAC, this bill:**

- 1) Changes from four to two the number of avocado handlers (handlers) as members of the CAC Board (Board);
- 2) Changes from two to one the number of alternative handlers for the Board;

- 3) Deletes provision to having alternative handler members being assigned to serve as the alternate to specific handler members;
- 4) Lowers from 11 to nine members of the Board if there are three or four CAC districts;
- 5) Changes information required for a list of CAC producers by deleting district numbers and adding avocado grove locations;
- 6) Changes the time from 90 days to 60 days when the list of CAC producers need to be sent to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), upon a written request from CDFA.
- 7) Exempts from the definition of avocado producers or grower, persons who annually produced less than an annual average of 10,000 pounds of avocados in the last three years.
- 8) Requires handlers who are nominated and elected to CAC to have handled at least 1% of the total volume of industry avocados in the previous year and requires, once elected, the handlers maintain these eligibility requirements.

**For the Bagley-Keene open meeting act, this bill:**

- 1) Changes the Bagley-Keene open meeting act teleconferencing for agricultural marketing and advisory boards, commissions and councils (advisory board) from requiring a physical location for each board member participating by teleconference to be noticed and open to the public to the following:
  - a) Requires any member of the advisory board that participates by teleconference, be listed in the minutes of the meeting and provide at least 24 hour notice prior to the meeting;
  - b) Requires, for an advisory board having a teleconference meeting, to provide a primary physical location of the advisory board meeting open to the public;
  - c) Requires that at least one member of the commission or council shall be in attendance at the primary physical meeting location.
  - d) Requires, for an advisory board having a teleconference meeting, the meeting agenda to contain the teleconference phone number, web site or

other information that grants the public access to the meeting;

- e) States that this section does not exempt the advisory board from providing information for the physical location of the meeting and any teleconferencing participation information, as specified; and,
- f) Requires the advisory board, prior to a teleconference meeting, to adopt teleconference guidelines that include, but are not limited to, cancellation due to technical issues, ensuring transparency, and public access.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 451, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 2074 (Rodriguez) – Fairs: credential and courtesy pass admissions.**

This bill would have repealed the requirements for fairs to submit an annual report to the Department of Food and Agriculture related to free pass admissions by fairs.

***Referred to Committee on Agriculture.***

**AB 2131 (Maienschein) - Specialized license plates.**

Would have required the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles to sponsor the “Imagine” specialized license plate program, for the purpose of helping food banks end hunger in California. Also would have established the Imagine Account and specifies that revenues from the account will be allocated by CDFA to a non-profit organization for the purpose of funding local food banks, and would have required the design of the specialized license plate include specific images and messages.

This bill was double-referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee and the Assembly Agriculture Committee.

***In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.***

**AB 2223 (Gray) – Dairy methane.**

Would have appropriated \$10 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the California Department of Food and Agriculture to fund loans for dairy digesters and other dairy methane reduction projects and management practices.

***Referred to Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review.***

**AB 2239 (Mathis) – Pesticides: assessments on sales: home water treatment pesticide products.**

This bill would have required the assessment for certain combination pesticide products to be based on the value of the active ingredient only if the director makes specified findings, including that the device is sold primarily for other than a pesticide use.

This bill was double-referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Assembly Agriculture Committee.

***In Assembly Committee on Agriculture.***

**AB 2324 (Eggman) – Certified Farmers' Markets.**

This bill adds "raw sheared wool" to the list of products that can be sold at a certified farmers' market (CFM); adds legislative intent that regulations keep cost to CFM managers and vendors to a minimum; authorizes CFM operators to create and keep additional information and requires vendors to provide this additional information; and, requires a 24 hour response to an investigation inquiry.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 384, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 2483 (Agriculture Committee) – Livestock Identification Advisory Board.**

This bill decreases the minimum number of required meetings of the Livestock Identification Advisory Board from once every three months to twice annually.

***Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 200, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 2487 (O'Donnell) – Seed Advisory Board: report.**

This bill would have required The Seed Advisory Board to complete a comprehensive review of the seed program, including a review of the seed laboratory, and prepare and submit to the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture a report on its findings, on or before July 1, 2018.

***In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held under Submission.***

**AB 2504 (Agriculture Committee) – Seed Advisory Board: alfalfa seed subcommittee: assessments: alfalfa hay producers.**

This bill would have authorized the Seed Advisory Board to make recommendations to the Secretary of the California Department of Food and

Agriculture to assess alfalfa seed sold in this state to fund research to benefit the alfalfa forage industry; it also would have authorized the board to assess alfalfa hay producers up to \$0.10 per pound of alfalfa seed sold by the producer; and, upon recommendation of the Seed Advisory Board, would have established an alfalfa seed subcommittee, as specified.

***In Senate Agriculture Committee. Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.***

**AB 2511 (Levine) – Fertilizing materials: auxiliary soil and plant substances: biochar.**

This bill clarifies that “biochar” is a soil amendment that is included in the definition of “auxiliary soil and plant substance” and, therefore, subject to licensing and labeling laws and defines “biochar” to mean materials derived from thermochemical conversion of biomass in an oxygen-limited environment containing at least 60% carbon.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 331, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 2516 (Wood) – Medical cannabis: state cultivator license types: specialty cottage type.**

This bill would create a Type 1C, or "specialty cottage," medical cannabis cultivator license, within the current medical cannabis licensing regulations.

This bill was double-referred to the Assembly Agriculture Committee and the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 827 of 2016.***

**AB 2635 (Agriculture Committee) – Public health: food access.**

This bill extends the operation and repeal dates for provisions of the California Healthy Food Financing Initiative until July 1, 2023.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 394, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 2678 (Gray) – State-designated fairs: funding.**

Would have required taxable sales and purchases within a "state-designated fair" to be segregated on the Sales and Use Tax (SUT) return and also would have mandated that 30% of the state's General Fund SUT revenues derived from those segregated sales and purchases be deposited in the Fair and Exposition Fund, within the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

This bill was double-referred to the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee and the Assembly Agriculture Committee.

***In Senate Governance and Finance Committee: Held under submission.***

**AB 2714 (Cooper) – Pest Control: Pierce's disease: funding.**

Appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund to the Pierce's Disease Management Account in the California Department of Food and Agriculture Fund.

***Referred to Senate Budget and Fiscal Review.***

**AB 2716 (Dodd) – Meat Processing.**

This bill extends, until January 1, 2022, the licensing fees for livestock and poultry meat inspectors, livestock meat processing inspectors, and livestock processing facilities, slaughterhouses, and poultry plants, as specified.

***Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 247, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 2755 (Gallagher) – Agriculture: bees: civil remedies.**

This bill provides increased civil penalties for the knowing and willful destruction or thefts of beehives of three times the value of the beehives and bees, plus compensation for time and money replacing the bees.

AB 2755 was double-referred to the Assembly Agriculture Committee and the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

***Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 138, Statutes of 2016.***

**AB 2805 (Olsen) – Cargo theft: working group.**

This bill would have created the California Agriculture Cargo Theft Prevention Working Group (working group), to be coordinated by the Department of the California Highway Patrol, and to consist of volunteer members from private and public organizations, as specified. Would have required the working group to address issues of agriculture cargo theft, problem solving, and theft control techniques cargo, as specified.

This bill was double-referred to the Assembly Agriculture Committee (first committee of reference) and the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

***Vetoed by the Governor.***

**AB 2888 (Low, Dodd) – Sex crimes: mandatory prison sentence.**

As introduced by the Assembly Agriculture Committee, AB 2888 related to state supported fairs: food and fiber exhibits. The bill was amended on June 16, 2016, and language inserted to make it relative to sex crimes: mandatory prison sentence.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 863, Statutes of 2016.***

**ACR 31 (Perea, Gallagher) – California Agriculture Day.**

Recognizes and honors the men and women of California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by designating March 18, 2015, as California Agriculture Day, and observing March 18, 2015, as National Agriculture Day.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Resolution Chapter 38, Statutes of 2015.***

**SENATE BILLS**

**SB 27 (Hill) – Livestock: use of antimicrobial drugs.**

Prohibits, beginning January 1, 2018, the use of medically important anti-microbial drugs (MIAMs) for the treatment of livestock animals, except pursuant to a prescription or feed directive from a licensed veterinarian and when, in the professional judgment of a licensed veterinarian, the MIAMs are necessary to treat a disease or infection; to control the spread of disease or infection; or in relation to surgery or a medical procedure. This bill allows for prophylaxis to prevent the elevated risk of disease transmission or infection and forbids the use of MIAMs for growth promotion and feed efficiency.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 758, Statutes of 2015.***

**SB 65 (Wolk) – Food labeling: olive oil.**

Recasts, changes, and adds to requirements for labeling California olive oils. Recasts wording for California Olive Oil from "*shall be made of oil derived solely*" to "*100 % of that oil shall be derived*" from olives grown in California; deletes American Viticultural Areas (AVA) for labeling, replacing the AVAs with specific California regions; raises the required percentage of oil from 75% to at least 85% from the specified region; adds that the percentage is by weight; and, requires, for the use of the term *estate* in labeling olive oil, the oil is made from at least 95%, by



weight, of oil derived from olives grown on the specified estate.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 138, Statutes of 2015.***

**SB 367 (Wolk) – Agricultural lands: greenhouse gases.**

Would have established a \$25 million grant fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, for projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from agricultural operations, as specified. This bill would have expanded and revised the membership and duties of the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Environmental Farming Act Science Advisory Panel to include on-farm practices to reduce GHG emissions and increase carbon storage in soil.

This bill was double referred to the Assembly Agriculture Committee and the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

***Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.***

**SB 746 (Wolk) – Olive Oil Commission of California: voting members: chair of advisory committee.**

This bill changes the chair of the advisory committee from an ex-officio member to a voting member on the Olive Oil Commission of California Board of Directors. This bill also requires the chair of the advisory committee to designate an alternate to serve in the chair's absence.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 278, Statutes of 2016.***

**SB 770 (Mendoza) – Department of Food and Agriculture: medicated feed.**

Requires the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to continue to be the primary regulatory agency responsible for regulating medicated feed. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) States findings and declarations regarding medicated feed, consolidating governance expertise, and coordination with the federal government on the implementation of feed safety laws, including the federal Food and Drug Administration's guidance for industry on the judicious use of antimicrobial drugs in livestock.
- 2) Requires CDFA to be the primary state agency responsible for regulating medicated feed, including medicated feed quality assurance and safety, and

enforcing any handling and inspecting requirements imposed on medicated feed suppliers.

- 3) Requires CDFA to be the primary state agency responsible for overseeing medicated feed ingredients and the sale of medicated feed that is subject to veterinarian oversight.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 806, Statutes of 2015.***

**SB822 (Roth) – Agricultural Pest Control: citrus disease prevention: monthly assessment.**

This bill increases the maximum monthly citrus assessment fee from \$0.09 to \$0.12 cents per 40 pound carton.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 279, Statutes of 2016.***

**SB 1270 (Galgiani) – Diseased Animals and Poultry: regulation: fee schedule.**

Extends, until January 1, 2022, the authority for the California Department of Food and Agriculture to establish a fee schedule for cost recovery related to animal health services that do not provide benefits beyond the payer; and, makes technical non-substantive changes.

***Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 309, Statutes of 2016.***

**SB 1354 (Galgiani, Nielsen) – Agricultural Pest Control: Asian Citrus Psyllid: Huanglongbing.**

This bill would have required the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), upon appropriation specific for this purpose, to support research activities relating to Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) and Huanglongbing (HLB) and to work with specified stakeholders to establish a process for voluntary tracking of best practices to manage ACP-infested and HLB-infected groves. The information would have been collected and used to establish recommended management protocols based on best available science and treatment outcomes. This bill contained an urgency clause.

***Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee and under submission.***

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