

# **Recommendations to Consider for Coexistence between Canola and Specialty Seed Production in the Willamette Valley**

**2018 Report to the Oregon Legislature – House Bill 3382**

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**<https://oda.direct/canola>**

# History of coexistence challenges

- **Canola and *Brassicaceae* specialty seed production in the Willamette Valley**
  - Concerns about a decrease in genetic purity and value due to pollen contamination
  - Canola as a rotation crop with non-*Brassicaceae* crops; reduce disease and weed problems
- **2006-2010 research by OSU**
- **Passage of HB 2427 (2013) and HB 3382 (2015)**

# Process

- **Develop recommendations based on OSU 2017 report**
- **April to October 2018**
  - 12 internal ODA meetings
  - 6 external meetings
- **Submit recommendations to Legislative Assembly Nov. 15, 2018**

# **Recommendations for Consideration**

## **– Under Current ODA Authority**

- **Advisory board and possible exclusion zones**
  - **Boundaries of control areas**
  - **Type of rapeseed species and varieties that could be produced**
  - **Enforcement of control area orders**
  
- **No exclusion zones**

# Recommendations for Consideration

## – Require Legislative Action

- **Extend current system**
  - 500 acres in the Willamette Valley Control area
  - Or, phase-in additional acres over a set time period
  
- **Pinning for all *Brassica***
  - Direction to ODA or OSU to provide a mandatory public pinning system

# Moving Forward

- **Begin the rulemaking process by the end of the year to ensure certainty to all growers in the Willamette Valley after July 2019**
- **2019 Legislature could provide different direction/authority**