

2007 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 238 **STATUS:** A-Engrossed
SUBJECT: Increases weighing and measuring instrument or devices license fees
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Agriculture
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DATE: April 25, 2007

EXPENDITURES:

See Comments.

REVENUES:

Fees – Other Funds

	<u>2007-2009</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>
	\$ 2,253,846	\$ 2,579,052

POSITIONS / FTE:

See Comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage.

GOVERNOR’S BUDGET: This bill is anticipated by the Governor’s recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The bill increases license fees for various weighing or measuring instruments or devices for the licensing period beginning on or after July 1, 2007. Maximum fee amounts shall increase by 2 percent annually between the years 2011 to 2016. The bill includes amendments to fee maximums which become operative in 2016.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) estimates that the bill will generate Other Funds fee revenue of \$2,253,846 for 2007-09 biennium and \$2,579,052 for the 2009-11 biennia. Fee revenue is lower for the 2007-09 because the Department intends to establish fees by administrative rule that are below the allowable maximum. Between 2011 and 2016, fee revenues will increase at two percent per year.

Revenue generated will enable the Department to fund 11 existing positions (10.45 FTE) that would otherwise be eliminated because of program revenue shortfalls, and will allow the program to maintain current service levels. Related expenditures for 2007-2009 are:

Personal Services:	\$1,338,987
Services and Supplies:	<u>169,000</u>
Total Other Fund Expenditures:	\$1,507,987