

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies the types of facilities covered by Department of Human Services (DHS) food borne illness prevention program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS Chapter 624 and Chapter ORS 616 delineate the division of regulatory authority for food establishments between DHS, which is responsible for food service facilities (restaurants and catering), and the Department of Agriculture, which is responsible for facilities that produce process and distribute food, including retail grocery stores, bakeries, meat markets, egg handlers, food processors, food storage warehouses, home kitchens and beverage processors.

Throughout ORS Chapter 624 “food service facility” is the term used to describe the scope of authority of DHS. The 2003 Legislature created DHS’ Foodborne Illness Prevention Program under ORS 624.495 and directed DHS regulatory authority over “food dispensing facilities.” This different language created some confusion between the Department of Agriculture and DHS.

HB 2290 clarifies agency roles by replacing “food dispensing facility” with “food service facility” in ORS 624.495.