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Meeting Dates: 3/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Abolishes the Oregon Bartlett Pear Commission.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recent streamlining of pear assessments under one federal marketing order

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Until recently, assessments on Bartlett pears were collected by two state commissions and one federal marketing order, winter pear assessments were collected by a different organization, and newer varieties were left out. Leaders of the pear industry in Oregon and Washington have worked to streamline the assessments and programs. All pear assessments have now been placed under one federal marketing order and the changes also equalized research funding for pear varieties in both states. HB 2445 would abolish the Oregon Bartlett Pear Commission as part of the streamlining plan.