

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boquist, Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Maurer, Smith P., Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Abolishes the Western Oregon Onion Commission.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fewer acres in onion production in western Oregon
- Opportunities for volunteers to take on commission responsibilities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Commodity commissions fund promotion, research and education functions on behalf of producers through assessments on producers at the point of first sale. The Western Oregon Onion Commission was formed in the 1980s in response to an increasing number of acres being placed in production. In recent years, acres in western Oregon onion production have declined. HB 2580 would abolish the Western Oregon Onion Commission.