

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Yeas:	Boquist, Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Maurer, Roblan
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Meeting Dates:	4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to issue a license to one or more additional users of a custom processing, slaughtering, meat seller, non-slaughtering, dairy, or bakery establishment that is licensed primarily for operation by another person. Requires ODA to recognize one person as primary operator. Authorizes ODA to assess license fees to additional users of establishment based on annual gross dollar volume of sales and services for the additional user of the facility. Authorizes rulemaking by ODA to establish license terms and to determine responsibilities of both primary operator and additional users.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Assistance to small businesses by allowing the labeling and marketing of goods under an individual license
- Proposed amendments
- ODA's ability to track multiple businesses operating at a single facility and to effectively carry out food safety inspections

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original bill.

BACKGROUND: Current law allows the Oregon Department of Agriculture to issue a license to only one person at a particular food processing establishment or facility. This limitation can be cumbersome for a small start-up business that would like to share a facility because the new business is only allowed to conduct business under the original license and cannot market or promote their business using its own label. HB 2617-A would allow ODA to license multiple businesses of the same license type (e.g. bakeries, meat processing) to produce or market their products from a single location or facility.