

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued  
FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes the Department of Agriculture 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 the department to recognize one person as the primary operator. Authorizes the department 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 department 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
- Instance of hog raiser wanting to use a meat packing facility for his meat and his own label

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Current law allows the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) 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. The new business, however, is only allowed to conduct business under the original license and cannot market or promote its products using its own label without its own license under U.S. Department of Agriculture rules. House Bill 2617-A allows 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.