

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boquist, Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Maurer, Roblan
<b>Nays:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/5, 4/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to receive and distribute grant funds for any purpose related to the laws administered or enforced by the Department. Revises language related to contracts.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Lack of clear authority for ODA to provide grant payments
- Purpose of additional language related to tribes

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Adds Indian tribes and any department to agency of the United States to list of entities which may receive grants from the Department.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Department of Agriculture currently lacks clear statutory authority to enter into contracts and agreements and to receive and distribute grant funds. In a recent circumstance, this led to another agency fulfilling this role for ODA. HB 3494-A amends ORS 561.240 to clarify ODA's authority and would allow the department to enter into contracts, agreements, receive or issue grants with a variety of entities.