

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued****Action:** Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar**Vote:** 7 - 0 - 1**Yeas:** Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Schaufler, VanOrman, Wingard, Clem**Nays:** 0**Exc.:** Roblan**Prepared By:** Beth Patrino and Cheyenne Ross, Administrators**Meeting Dates:** 3/17, 3/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Revises language in statutes regulating the manufacture, distribution and registration of fertilizer products. Defines “distribute.” Clarifies Department of Agriculture inspection authority. Adds a density standard for bulk liquids. Clarifies product label requirements. Authorizes department to withhold licenses or product registrations if unpaid civil penalties.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of legislation
- Clarification of authority
- Warrants/subpoena power
- Typical time frame
- Definitions
- Civil penalty

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: The -1 amendment deletes the phrase “as a source of plant food,” from the definition of “agricultural amendment.”

BACKGROUND: The state fertilizer statutes (ORS Chapter 633) were revised in 2001. Since that time, a number of deficiencies and inconsistencies with industry standards have been identified.