

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0

Yeas: Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Roblan, Schaufler, VanOrman, Wingard, Clem

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows commodity commissions to establish by rule member per diem in excess of \$30 per day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Commodity Commission budgets not reviewed by Legislature
- Tax implications of per diem for commission members
- Prudence in application of per diem increases by commissions
- Dollar amount of per diem currently allowed
- Commodity commissions' funding sources and services
- Commissioners are volunteers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Commodity commissions are funded through grower/producer assessments established in statute and by rule. They may fund research, marketing and/or promotion programs on the commodity.