75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2893 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Shields

House Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Communities

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 7 - 1 - 0

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

Nays: Wingard

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/16, 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies certain standards for olive oils and requires State Department of Agriculture to adopt rules regarding same. Provides penalties for distribution of imitation olive oil.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lack of current standards
- Risk for those with food allergies
- Federal legislation pending that would trump state law

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Reduces penalty.

BACKGROUND: Olive oil standards do not reflect modern health and safety concerns. Olive oils may currently contain other oils, including soy and peanut oils, without informing consumers. Persons with serious food allergies could be at risk. House Bill 2893A would update olive oil standards as to content and labeling.