75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 186 CARRIER: CONSENT

House Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Communities

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass 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: 5/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands authority of Agricultural Development Division of Oregon Department of Agriculture to include farm and food commodity production and processing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to maintain and expand market opportunities for Oregon products in domestic and international markets
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Development and Marketing Division promotes Oregon agriculture by developing and expanding world markets for Oregon's agricultural products as well as working to expand existing and recruit new agriculture-related businesses to the state. The Division also conducts market research and promotional events and serves as a link between buyers and sellers. Senate Bill 186 extends the Division's authority beyond commodities to production and processing of value-added agriculture.