

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/16

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 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 agricultural products as well as working to expand existing and recruit new agricultural related businesses to the state. The Division also conducts market research and promotional events and serves as a link between buyers and sellers. SB 186 extends the Division's authority beyond commodities to production and processing of value-added agriculture.