

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Bonamici, Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Hass  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 2/25

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Increases amount below which Department of Agriculture may refuse to issue payment refund.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Amount of over-payments
- Improved forms to prevent need for refunds
- Calculation of amounts due
- Amount used by other agencies refusing to issue refunds

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The current threshold amount for the Department of Agriculture to refuse to issue a payment refund is \$5. Senate Bill 187 would increase that amount to \$25.

The department reports that the cost of processing a refund is approximately \$31.45. The department also reports that refunds, in any amount, will be processed pursuant to a request in writing.