

Senate Bill 186

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Expands authority of Agricultural Development Division of State Department of Agriculture. Removes specific authorization for department to consult with New Crops Development Board when collecting or disseminating information about crop production.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Agricultural Development Division; amending ORS 576.013.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 576.013 is amended to read:

5 576.013. (1) The purpose of the market development service of the Agricultural Development
6 Division shall be to assist in the **establishment and** development of new markets **and to maintain**
7 or expand existing domestic and foreign markets for farm and food commodities produced or pro-
8 cessed in this state. The purpose of the commodity development service of the Agricultural Devel-
9 opment Division shall be to assist in the development and improvement of farm and food
10 commodities and their values and uses.

11 (2) In furthering the purpose of the market development service, the State Department of Agri-
12 culture may:

13 (a) Collect and disseminate information relating to the availability, quality and uses of farm and
14 food commodities produced or processed in this state, including participation in demonstrations, fairs
15 and exhibits;

16 (b) Serve as an intermediary between prospective purchasers and sellers of farm and food com-
17 modities produced or processed in this state as to source of supply and demand;

18 (c) After notice to and with the approval of the Governor, represent the state in matters of
19 legislation or rulemaking affecting the **establishment**, development, **maintenance or expansion**
20 of markets for farm and food commodities produced or processed in this state;

21 (d) Cooperate with and aid producers, processors, distributors and prospective purchasers of
22 farm and food commodities in establishing, or improving and maintaining, an efficient system of
23 **production, processing**, distribution and marketing of farm and food commodities;

24 (e) Investigate delays, embargoes, conditions and practices, charges and rates in the marketing,
25 transportation and handling of farm and food commodities produced or processed in this state, and
26 when an investigation discloses a probable violation of state or federal law, make recommendations
27 to the proper state or federal authorities for appropriate action;

28 (f) Engage in negotiations with common and contract carriers and initiate or participate in the
29 prosecution of proceedings before agencies engaged in freight rate regulation within or without this
30 state in matters relating to the establishment of new freight rates, the modification of existing

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 freight rates or to unjust, unreasonable or discriminatory rates or practices affecting the cost of
 2 transportation, production or processing of farm or food commodities produced or processed in this
 3 state;

4 (g) Investigate the advisability and need for establishment of terminal, regional, assembly, dock
 5 and other distributing facilities for the delivery, sale and distribution of farm and food commodities
 6 at or near the point of purchase or use, and advise and cooperate with public or private agencies
 7 or organizations in promoting the establishment, construction or acquisition of the facilities for
 8 public use and make recommendations as to their operations;

9 (h) Accept grants from public or private agencies, organizations or persons, with any grant
 10 treated as a trust fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, within the meaning of ORS
 11 chapters 291 and 293;

12 (i) Consult with other states in development of joint programs for the establishment, *[and]* de-
 13 velopment, **maintenance or expansion** of domestic and foreign markets on a mutual basis; *[and]*

14 (j) Cooperate with the Economic and Community Development Department of this state in for-
 15 eign and domestic marketing matters of common interest[.]; **and**

16 **(k) Enter into agreements with public and private entities in new or existing markets to**
 17 **assist the establishment, development, maintenance or expansion of those markets and pro-**
 18 **vide for sampling, testing, certification or other procedures or processes to facilitate the**
 19 **movement of, or optimize the value of, farm and food products.**

20 (3) In furthering the purpose of the commodity development service, the department may:

21 (a) Collect and disseminate information relating to new or alternate crop production, **process-**
 22 **ing** and marketing feasibilities to producers of farm and food commodities[, *and confer with the New*
 23 *Crops Development Board of the department in regard to these matters*];

24 (b) Assist the commodity commissions in carrying out mutual or joint scientific research efforts
 25 and mutual or joint development of the commercial values and new and additional uses of their
 26 commodities; and

27 (c) Accept grants from public or private agencies, organizations or persons, with any grant
 28 treated as a trust fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, within the meaning of ORS
 29 chapters 291 and 293.

30 (4) Nothing in ORS 576.006 to 576.022 shall authorize, or modify the limitations on authority
 31 under ORS 561.170 for, the Agricultural Development Division, or its staff to:

32 (a) Engage in any commercial transaction involving farm or food commodities as purchaser,
 33 seller, broker or dealer; or

34 (b) Acquire or own any farm or food commodities or real property associated with them.

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