

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	6 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/9, 5/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Department of Consumer and Business Services to develop and make available publications for agriculture employers in English, Spanish, and any other language determined to be necessary by the Department. Requires consideration of stakeholder input when the Department is in the determination process for producing publications in other languages.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of languages spoken in Oregon
- Process of requesting a publication to be translated
- Agency required to produce material not necessary or used
- Rationale for Russian not being stated in statute

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Consumer and Business Services produces a number of publications in languages other than English as a reflection of the state's diverse population. For most of its divisions, the Department has the flexibility to determine which languages are the most appropriate for translating and printing these publications. However, the Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA), which is responsible for providing safety and health information to agriculture employers, is restricted by statute on which languages must be made available.

Besides English, basic information must be published in Spanish, Russian, Thai, Japanese, Chinese, Laotian, Vietnamese, Korean, and Cambodian. Currently, OR-OSHA receives virtually no requests for agriculture publications in languages other than English and Spanish. House Bill 2091-A eliminates the specific statutory language requirements and allows the Department to determine what additional languages are appropriate for translation.