

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| Vote: | 8 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Boone, Cowan, Esquivel, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Clem, Jenson |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | 0 |
| Prepared By: | Beth Herzog, Administrator |
| Meeting Dates: | 3/4, 3/18, 3/21 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Dairy Animal Welfare Board (Board). Requires State Veterinarian to serve as chair. Establishes that remaining members, not to exceed five, are appointed by Director of Department of Agriculture (Department). Stipulates Board shall meet as necessary if requested by person, group, commission, state agency or local government as well as at call of chair or majority of Board members. Requires Department to provide administrative support. Entitles Board members to compensation and expenses to be paid by Department. Authorizes Board to submit comments based on most recent scientific data to Legislative Assembly on legislation, administrative rules, ballot measures, and Supreme Court decisions that impact dairy animal care, welfare or husbandry or agricultural practices affecting dairy animals. Stipulates if Board submits comments, they attempt to provide assessment of likely economic impact of legislation, rule or ballot measure on dairy industry. Requires Board act as independent scientific review panel for state agencies responsible for regulating dairy animal care and welfare or confined animal feeding operations. Stipulates if Board submits suggestion to agency, the agency must submit written response with either a description of how suggestion will be implemented or reasons for not implementing suggestion. Authorizes Department to adopt rules to recover member compensation or other expenses incurred due to Board meeting requested by person, group, commission, state agency or local government.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of science-based practices to care for dairy animals
- Board advice would not be binding on Legislative Assembly or agencies

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Oregon has approximately 350 dairy farms with an estimated 120,000 dairy cows. The average farm houses 450 cows on 300 acres with each cow producing about 19,000 pounds of milk per year. In 2009, milk production accounted for over \$300 million in sales making it the fifth highest agricultural commodity sold in the state. House Bill 3006 A would create the Dairy Animal Welfare Board (Board) and authorize the Board to provide the Legislative Assembly with comments on legislation, administrative rules, ballot measures, and Supreme Court decisions that impact dairy animal care, welfare or husbandry or agricultural practices that affect dairy animals.

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