

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 3
Yeas: Cowan, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Jenson
Nays: 0
Exc.: Boone, Esquivel, Clem
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Meeting Dates: 4/11, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Department of Agriculture (Department) to adopt rules to waive routine inspections of one or more types of food establishments if: food establishment operations license consists solely of selling prepackaged foods and beverages produced by commercial food manufacturer or processor; selling of food is not major business activity of food establishment; and Department determines waiving inspection does not present significant risk to public. Stipulates food establishment for which Department waives routine inspection is still subject to inspection at Department's discretion.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Department has already been limiting inspections because of budget constraints
- Only waive inspection if Department determines it does not present significant risk to public

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A food establishment includes locations where food is stored, prepared, processed, packaged, distributed, handled, salvaged, or displayed as well as any items that are used in operating or carrying on such activities such as vehicles and equipment (ORS 616.695). The Department licenses and inspects all food establishments except restaurants and caterers, which are under the purview of the Department of Health Services. Food service establishments are generally inspected twice a year, although more frequent inspections may occur at the Department's discretion. House Bill 3332 would authorize the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules to waive routine inspections of certain types of food establishments.