

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Increases maximum annual license fee for retailer seed license and wholesaler seed license. Retailer fee cap is raised from \$40 to \$75. Wholesaler fee cap is raised from \$400 to \$750.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Oregon is a world leader in the production of quality seeds
- Role of seed program administered by Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)
- Importance of buyer assurance of seed quality

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

**BACKGROUND:** Any person who offers or sells agricultural or vegetable seed directly to the consumer or user for planting must have a retail seed dealer license issued by ODA. Any person who sells, offers or holds for sale, agricultural or vegetable seed to retailers, distributors, brokers or other wholesalers for resale must hold a wholesale seed dealer license issued by ODA. The current annual fee for such licenses has been in effect since 2000.