

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Joint Tax Credits by Prior Reference

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/17, 4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows biomass producer or collector to claim tax credit in year biomass is transferred to biofuel producer or oilseed processor. Defines “oilseed processor” as person that receives agricultural oilseeds and separates them into meal and oil by mechanical or chemical means. Extends tax credits for biomass collector and producer, biofuels and fuel blends, and biodiesel used in home heating to January 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of tax credit and oilseed crops in Oregon
- Effectiveness of tax credit
- Proposed changes to tax credit

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, biomass producers and collectors can claim a tax credit in the year in which the credit is certified by the Department of Energy. Senate Bill 620 would allow the tax credit to be claimed the year the biomass is transferred to a biofuel producer or oilseed processor. The credit is currently scheduled to sunset in 2012. Senate Bill 620 would extend the credit to 2019.