

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

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

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/5

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Abolishes Oregon Grains Commission and Oregon Highland Bentgrass Commission. Directs Oregon Wheat Commission to take possession of records and property of Grains Commission. Makes conforming changes in Wheat Commission statutes. Directs Oregon Fine Fescue Commission to take possession of records and property of Oregon Highland Bentgrass Commission. Authorizes Oregon Wheat Commission to adopt rules establishing per diem for commission members. Provisions operative 31 days after effective date of Act.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Reasons for abolishing Oregon Grains Commission and Oregon Highland Bentgrass Commission
- Highland Bentgrass is old variety with last remaining market in European Union; continued market access requires maintenance of registration in one of the EU countries
- Many commodity commission per diem statutes were changed in prior session

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon currently has 25 commodity commissions that operate under the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Commodity Commission Program. Commodity commissions are funded through grower/producer assessments established in statute and by rule. They may fund research, marketing and/or promotion programs on the commodity. Senate Bill 946 A would abolish the Grains Commission and Highland Bentgrass Commission and transfer records and property to other commissions.