

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boone, Cowan, Esquivel, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Clem, Jenson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Beth Herzog, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/27, 5/2

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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. Declares emergency, effective on passage. Establishes Commissions are abolished June 30, 2011.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- No longer economically viable to operate commissions separately
- Streamlining commissions

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Declares emergency, effective on passage. Establishes Commissions are abolished June 30, 2011.

**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 B would abolish the Grains Commission and Highland Bentgrass Commission and transfer records and property to other commissions.