

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bentz, Boone, Keny-Guyer, Krieger, Thompson, Witt, Bailey, Gilliam
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that food bank assumption or sharing of costs to process reclaimed fish for food bank use is not sale, purchase or other commerce making fish subject to labeling, packaging or similar requirements for commercially sold foods. Allows agreement between food establishment and food bank to provide for food establishment to retain mutually agreed amount of fish or fish byproduct. Sets labeling requirements for processed fish that food establishment provides to food bank. "Reclaimed fish" means bycatch, hold fish or seized fish that a federal or state agency provides to a food bank.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for emergency food services in Oregon
- Opportunity for food banks to use reclaimed fish that would otherwise go unused
- Process applied by state and federal agencies when prohibited species are caught

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Authorizes processing agreement between food establishment and food bank to provide for food establishment to retain a portion of reclaimed fish or byproducts. Removes authority for Oregon Department of Agriculture to conditionally waive labeling requirements and replaces with specific criteria for labeling of processed reclaimed fish supplied to food bank.

BACKGROUND: Fish that are unintentionally caught while commercial fishing for another species are sometimes given to a food bank. Current law establishes processing limitations and labeling requirements on some of these fish. House Bill 4068A would authorize a food bank to provide a portion of the reclaimed fish to a processing business as payment for processing. It also exempts these processed fish from some labeling requirements and allows processors to sell some of the fish it retains.