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HB 2245 Repealing Statutes, Transportation of Unlabeled Onions

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The onion transportation permit law, ORS 632.241, was over 50 years ago to supplement labeling law requirements and required a permit from the Department to transport unlabeled bulk onions 50 miles or more.

This law has been in place for over 50 years and has long outlived its usefulness. Today, there are stringent labeling laws for packaged onions under state and federal jurisdiction. In Eastern Oregon there is a federal marketing order in place that restricts movement of onions from certain production areas. Furthermore, with today's current handling practices of onions, it would be detrimental to the industry to require a permit as it would delay onion shipments from field and storage to packing facility.

The Department has met with members of the agriculture industry consisting of producers, buyers, shippers, processors and marketers and they support repeal of these statutes.

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