

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Rural Communities & Economic Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates:

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Repeals ORS Chapter 583 regarding milk marketing, production and distribution. Repeals requirement that Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) audit fluid milk handler records pertaining to pooling and usage of milk and payments to producers. Eliminates associated provisions regarding minimum pricing, milk marketing areas, production quotas, market pooling, licensing, fees, recordkeeping, and reporting.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: The Milk Audit and Stabilization Act (ORS Chapter 583) was created to maintain a stable milk market and ensure an adequate supply of milk. In a review of statutes regulating Oregon's licensed milk industry, the ODA determined that the Milk Audit and Stabilization Act is obsolete, as marketing issues are now addressed at the federal level.

Senate Bill 195 repeals the unused statute.