

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Esquivel, Krieger, McKeown, Reardon, Thompson, Unger, Whitsett, Witt
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Clem
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Repeals statutes governing grain inspections at warehouses and transit points by Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Grain inspection laws enacted to provide services to producers and warehouses
- Services provided by federal agency

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: At one time, ODA operated a field office in Pendleton to inspect, grade and weigh grain on a fee for service basis. As demand for these services declined, the office was closed and the limited number of inspections now requested are provided by the United States Department of Agriculture's Federal Grain Inspection Service. ODA has not provided any of the services referenced in the grain inspection statutes in over 10 years. As such, the grain inspection statutes are obsolete and House Bill 2244 would repeal these statutes.