77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Esquivel, Krieger, McKeown, Reardon, Thompson, Unger, Whitsett, Witt
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/12

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Repeals statute requiring permit to transport onions more than 50 miles.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Repeal of obsolete statute
- Permit requirement no longer needed and would delay onion shipments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Today, there are stringent labeling laws for packaged onions under both state and federal law. In Eastern Oregon, there is a federal marketing order in place that restricts movement of onions from certain production areas. The requirement for onion transportation permits is outdated and has not been used by the Oregon Department of Agriculture or the industry for more than 20 years. House Bill 2245 would repeal the requirement to obtain a permit to transport onions.