

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, 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

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/21, 2/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows commodity commissions to amend rules related to number and geographic representation of commissioners. Declares any action taken by commodity commission having members not properly qualified is valid and lawful. Ratifies and declares valid any rule adopted by commodity commission prior to effective date of Act that created, amended, or abolished rule or other requirement regulating number or geographic representation of the members. Ratifies and validates appointment prior to effective date of Act qualified members. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Role of commodity commissions
- Restructuring of commodity commission statutes
- Recent combination of some commodity commissions

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Declares any action taken by commodity commission having members not properly qualified is valid and lawful. Ratifies and declares valid any rule adopted by commodity commission prior to effective date of Act that created, amended, or abolished rule or other requirement regulating number or geographic representation of the members. Ratifies and validates appointment prior to effective date of Act qualified members. Adds an emergency clause.

**BACKGROUND:** There are 23 grower-supported commodity commissions in Oregon. Commodity commissions began in 1943 when the Oregon Legislature established the Oregon Dairy Products Commission; the Oregon Wheat Commission soon followed. Commission activities are funded through self-assessments. While activities vary by commission, each has the general mission to fund projects for research, promotion or education. House Bill 2782 A would authorize commodity commissions to make changes in rules governing the number and geographic representation of commissioners and approves past actions of the commissions.