

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

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

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Esquivel, Krieger, Reardon, Thompson, Unger, Whitsett, Witt
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Clem, McKeown
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Beth Patrino, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/5

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes commodity commissions to operate using fiscal year that begins on January 1 and ends December 31. Excludes commissions receiving funding from State Treasury or subject to budget review by Legislative Assembly. Specifies approval and transition requirements for change of fiscal year to take effect. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Opportunity to align commission budgeting and program development with annual marketing plan
- Allows commission to change fiscal year, but does not require change

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Department of Agriculture oversees the administration of Oregon's 23 grower supported commodity commissions, which conduct promotional, educational, production and market research projects. Currently, commodity commissions are required to operate under a fiscal year that begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Senate Bill 348A allows commodity commissions to operate using a fiscal year that begins on January 1 and ends December 31.