

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	6 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Starr, Thomsen, Beyer
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/4, 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires State Board of Higher Education, Oregon Health and Science University Board of Directors, or community college board to receive approval from commodity commission for disposition of intellectual property if commission provided monetary assistance to board to acquire property.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of agricultural research performed at universities
- Role commodity commissions play in financing agricultural research
- Potential for research done at Oregon universities to benefit state's agricultural competitors
- Federal funding for university research and related requirements/restrictions

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: There are currently 23 officially recognized commodity commissions in the State of Oregon. Administration for the commissions is overseen by the Agricultural Development and Marketing Division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Commodity commissions are charged with participating in the formation and implementation of public policy, reflecting the state's commitment to the commodity industries integral to the economy of the state, supporting persons engaged in the commodity industries, providing benefits to the commodity industries, enhancing the image of Oregon commodities in order to increase overall demand for those commodities, using mandatory cooperative efforts to complement state, federal and international laws and programs, increasing knowledge of the healthful qualities of Oregon commodities, and supporting and engaging in research programs and activities that benefit the planting, production, harvesting, handling, processing, marketing and use of Oregon commodities.

Senate Bill 361 requires an institution that has received monetary assistance from a commodity commission for certain intellectual property to receive approval from the commission prior to disposing of the intellectual property.