

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued  
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass  
Vote: 9 - 0 - 0  
Yeas: Clem, Esquivel, Krieger, McKeown, Reardon, Thompson, Unger, Whitsett, Witt  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: 0  
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Meeting Dates: 4/30, 5/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies basis of Oregon Sheep Commission (Commission) assessment. Requires Commission to levy assessment of no less than 50 cents per head and not more than one dollar per head on sheep produced and sold in state. Prohibits assessment increase of more than 10 cents in 12 month period.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Primary product has shifted from wool to meat
- Wool sale is price dependent and this has resulted in unstable Commission budgets
- New assessment would be consistent with national check-off program

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Sheep Commission (Commission) funds projects to promote Oregon's sheep industry. The Commission supports research that benefits the production, processing, and marketing of Oregon lamb and wool products. To fund these projects, the Commission places an assessment on the sale of wool sold commercially. Senate Bill 719 A would replace the assessment on the sale of wool with an assessment on sheep produced and sold in the state.