

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Baertschiger, Burdick, Close, Prozanski, Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/5

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Aligning Oregon Dairy Products Commission budgeting and program development with United Dairy Industry Association annual unified marketing plan, which uses calendar fiscal year
- Annual report to United States Department of Agriculture to qualify for national dairy checkoff program based on calendar year of expenditures and activities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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 348 allows commodity commissions to operate using a fiscal year that begins on January 1 and ends December 31.