

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Consumer Protection and Government Efficiency

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that agri-tourism provider is not liable for injury to or death of participant arising out of inherent risks of agri-tourism if agri-tourism provider posts certain notices. Provides exceptions. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The State of Oregon has a vibrant and growing agri-tourism industry, which includes vineyards, pumpkin patches, corn mazes, and a broad range of other activities. Oregon does not currently have a statute limiting the liability of agri-tourism operations. Such agri-tourism laws exist in over twenty other states.

Senate Bill 341-A provides that an agri-tourism provider is not liable for injury to or death of a participant arising out of the inherent risks of agri-tourism if the agri-tourism provider posts certain notices and has not acted negligently. The measure defines relevant terms and includes the exact warning language that must be posted.

Senate floor vote: 30-0