

HB 2256 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines dietary supplements as food for purposes of regulation by Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) in ORS Chapter 616. Defines "dietary ingredient" and "dietary supplement." Clarifies production, processing, and distribution of dietary supplements subject to ODA rules.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Dietary ingredients and dietary supplements regulated as food
- Oregon Department of Agriculture authorization for enforcement actions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Clarifies definition of dietary supplement to align with language in federal statute.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) currently licenses and inspects dietary supplement manufacturers. However, a recent analysis by the Department of Justice determined that ODA does not have clear authority to regulate dietary supplements.

To clarify ODA's regulatory authority, House Bill 2256 would add dietary supplements to the definition of "food" in the statute pertaining to the administration and enforcement of food, drink and sanitation laws.