

HB 2255 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 3/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Amends ORS 621.058 to make explicit Oregon Department of Agriculture's (ODA) authority to adopt rules relating to safety or marketability of milk or dairy products, including adopting rules to conform with federal government or multistate organizations of milk shippers. Removes a statutory provision that prohibits ODA from suspending a privilege to use a grade designation on milk containers for a first violation within six-month period.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

House Vote: Passed. Ayes, 56; Excused, 4--Boone, Clem, Huffman, McLain

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law does not currently give explicit authority to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to adopt the national Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) in administrative rule. The PMO is used nationally to set milk safety standards and standards for interstate commerce in milk.

House Bill 2255 would clarify ODA's authority to adopt rules referencing the PMO and allow the agency to suspend grade designation privileges of milk producers for a first violation of safety standards.