

HB 2372 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Industrial Hemp Commission (Commission) as commodity commission pursuant to ORS Chapter 576. Establishes criteria for Director of Agriculture to appoint members of Commission by January 1, 2018.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Overview of Industrial Hemp stakeholder collaboration
- Difference between industrial hemp and marijuana
- Role of commodity commissions in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes allowance of commission members that are individuals representing industrial hemp growers.

BACKGROUND:

Commodity commissions are made up of volunteers appointed by the Director of Agriculture to serve as a link between production agriculture and decision makers. The 23 commodity commissions currently in existence in Oregon are charged with supporting commodity industries and enhancing and preserving the economic interests of the state by engaging in public policy and educational activities related to the commodity they represent.

House Bill 2372 would establish The Oregon Industrial Hemp Commission as a commodity commission pursuant to ORS Chapter 572 and authorize the Director of Agriculture to appoint members who are either produces of or representing industrial hemp growers on or before January 1, 2018.