

SB 18 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to administer and enforce duties, functions and powers consistent with terms of federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), including but not limited to:

- inspection of farm or food facility for compliance;
- provision of documentation to show food facilities are in compliance with state, local or other nonfederal food safety laws;
- entrance into intergovernmental agreements to administer and enforce FSMA provisions;
- facilitation of partnerships of state agencies with federal, local and private sector entities;
- provision of regular and timely exchange of information relating to security of agriculture and food systems;
- assistance in developing and adopting science-based minimum standards for safe production and harvest of agricultural products;
- coordination with federal, local and private sector entities to develop preparedness and response plans for agriculture and food defense;
- protection of economy and public health from effects of animal or plant disease outbreaks, food contamination and natural disasters affecting agriculture and food;
- imposition of reasonable fees for services; and
- assessment of civil penalties or sanctions.

Updates definitions of "commercial feed" and "feed."

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

According to the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), about 48 million Americans (about 1 in 6) get sick each year, 128,000 are hospitalized, and 3,000 die as a result of foodborne illnesses. The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) was signed into law on January 4, 2011. The law focuses on prevention and directs the FDA to develop and implement strategies to better coordinate with and enhance the food safety programs of state and local agencies to achieve national food safety goals.

Senate Bill 18A would designate the Oregon Department of Agriculture as the state agency having primary responsibility to administer and enforce duties, functions and powers imposed on or granted to state agencies under the FSMA.