

HB 2254 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds exception to labeling requirements for individual packages or wrapped units of horticultural commodities shipped in bulk if commodity is being exported from United States and is transported in shipping container meeting all Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) labeling requirements. If export is cancelled, requires owners to ensure commodity is re-labeled in compliance with applicable law or commodity is disposed of in manner approved by ODA.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Current Oregon law requires all containers, including individual containers within a master container, to be labeled as appropriate for sale. Some foreign buyers request individual containers (such as clamshells) ship unlabeled to allow labeling in language of import or to accommodate country-specific labeling requirements.

House Bill 2254 would exempt commodities that are shipped directly for export from requirements to label each individually packaged unit before shipping.