

HB 2255 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 2/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Amends ORS 621.058 to make explicit Oregon Department of Agriculture’s authority to adopt rules relating to safety or marketability of milk or dairy products, including adopting rules to conform with federal government. Removes state rule prohibiting license suspension for first violation within six-month period.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Oregon’s milk statute currently does not give explicit authority to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to adopt 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 clarifies ODA’s authority to adopt rules referencing the PMO and allows the agency to suspend grade designation privileges of milk producers for first violation of safety standards.