

HB 2256 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines dietary supplements as food for purposes of regulation by Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) in ORS Chapter 616. Defines "dietary ingredient" and "dietary supplement." Clarifies production, processing, and distribution of dietary supplements subject to ODA rules.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) currently licenses and inspects dietary supplement manufacturers. However, a recent analysis by legal counsel determined that ODA does not have clear authority to regulate dietary supplements.

To clarify ODA's regulatory authority, House Bill 2256 would add dietary supplements to the definition of "food" in the statute pertaining to the administration and enforcement of food, drink and sanitation laws.