



## **HB 2255 - Statutory Cleanup ORS 621 Milk; Dairy Products; Substitutes**

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### **Description**

- Clarifies Oregon Department of Agriculture's (ODA) authority to adopt rules referencing the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) allowing the agency to suspend grade designation privileges of milk producers for the first violation.
- Makes ODA's authorities consistent with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) expectations and PMO requirements.

### **Background**

The PMO is used nationally to ensure safe production and processing of milk. State conformance with the PMO is important to Oregon's dairy farmers and processors as it allows for interstate milk, and milk product, shipment.

Oregon's milk statutes are several decades old and in need of updating to recognize changes to the national milk safety regulatory system. Oregon's milk statute currently does not give explicit authority to ODA to adopt the national Grade "A" PMO in administrative rule.

In addition, a provision in Oregon's milk statute prevents a license suspension for a first violation in a six-month period. An example of when a license may be suspended is for a gross sanitation violation. This provision is inconsistent with requirements in the PMO and needs to be corrected in order to be in conformance with federal regulations.

### **Stakeholder Outreach**

We have discussed the concept with stakeholders on the Food Safety Advisory Committee, including the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association, representatives of two dairy processors in the state, and Oregon State University's dairy processing extension specialist. We have also shared draft bill language with these stakeholders.