

## HB 2372 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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**Action Date:** 04/13/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments  
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Barreto, Clem, Esquivel, McKeown, McLain, Power, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Industrial Hemp Commission (Commission) as commodity commission pursuant to ORS Chapter 576. Charges Director of Agriculture to appoint members of Commission who are registered growers or handlers of industrial hemp by January 1, 2018.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Overview of industrial hemp stakeholder collaboration
- Difference between industrial hemp and marijuana
- Role of commodity commissions in Oregon

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Clarifies appointees to Oregon Industrial Hemp Commission may include growers or handlers of industrial hemp registered under ORS 571.305.

#### BACKGROUND:

Commodity commissions are made up of volunteers appointed by the Director of Agriculture to serve as a link between production agriculture and decision makers. The 23 commodity commissions currently in existence in Oregon are charged with supporting commodity industries and enhancing and preserving the economic interests of the state by engaging in public policy and educational activities related to the commodity they represent.

House Bill 2372A establishes the Oregon Industrial Hemp Commission as a commodity commission pursuant to ORS Chapter 576 and authorizes the Director of Agriculture to appoint members who are growers or handlers of industrial hemp on or before January 1, 2018.