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TO: House Interim Committee on Agriculture and Land Use
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SUBJECT: 2020 Committee LC Summaries
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LC 72, requested by Marion County Board of Commissioners – Establishes eligibility for renewable energy certificates for facilities that generate electricity from direct combustion of municipal solid waste and became operational before January 1, 1995, if such facilities register with Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System at any time. Limits eligibility to certain amount of electricity generated, per calendar year, from the combustion of biogenic material.

LC 101, requested by Representative Clem – Directs Department of Land Conservation and Development to study laws related to use of land and to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

LC 158, requested by Oregon Industrial Hemp Farmers Assoc and Oregon State University – States a public interest in the Oregon hemp industry and the purposes of the 2019 Act. Directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to: monitor the implementation of the Oregon Hemp Commission's (OHC) goals and budget; promote cooperation among the OHC, commodity commissions, the Oregon Beef Council, and Oregon Wheat Commission; carry out assigned organizational procedures including the appointment and removal of OHC members; review OHC budgets submitted to the Director of Agriculture (Director); and adopt rules to carry out this 2019 Act. Requires that ODA review OHC plans and projects for promotion, advertising, research, and information dissemination. Directs the Director to appoint five temporary OHC members as specified for OHC rule adoption, appoint OHC commissioners as specified and in accordance with adopted rules, and to consider appointment recommendations by commodity commissions, producers, and producer associations. Specifies requirements related to commission member, officer, and employee payment, and meeting locations. Lists OHC duties. Requires OHC to: adopt a budget, obtain budget approval, submit financial statements, and to receive, deposit, invest, expend, and budget moneys in the same manner as a commodity commission. Authorizes OHC to accept grants, donations, or contributions from any source. Authorizes the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to assist, upon request by OHC, with the purchase, acquisition, or provision of services, equipment, and materials, and establishes a reimbursement process. Authorizes ODA to charge and collect an assessment or fee from OHC

to reimburse ODA for mandatory supervisory or administrative functions. Allows OHC to develop hemp-related intellectual property, and establishes provisions for contracts, moneys, ownership, management, disposal, and use of that property. Authorizes OHC to establish certain assessments, levies, and collections by rule or as specified. Requires that certain handlers or processors report hemp transfers or sales on OHC forms. Requires that persons that pay or collect hemp assessments maintain accurate records, and authorizes OHC to inspect, audit, and subpoena records to determine the accuracy of assessments paid or due to OHC. Establishes penalties and process for delinquent payments or failed transmittal of assessment moneys. Requires OHC to adopt an annual budget as specified, subject to public hearing and notice requirements, and requiring final certification and approval from the Director.