

HB 2086 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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Meeting Dates: 1/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Revises Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program definitions and terminology to clarify purpose, administration, and eligibility criteria of the program.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP) and Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission (Commission) were established by the legislature in 2017 to provide voluntary incentives to farmers and ranchers to support practices that maintain or enhance both agriculture and natural resources such as fish and wildlife on agricultural lands. In 2018, the Commission engaged in rulemaking related to program administration, technical assistance, farm and ranch succession planning, working land covenants and easements, and conservation management planning. Rulemaking was completed and approved by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board in January of 2019.

House Bill 2086 would revise Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program statutes to clarify purpose, administration, and eligibility criteria of the program.