

HB 2057 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases maximum fees for commercial weighing or measuring instruments or devices. Limits rate of fee increases during licensing periods beginning before July 1, 2026.

REVENUE: Revenue impact issued

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) operates a Weights and Measures Program (Program) to ensure equity and standardization in commercial transactions for approximately 13,000 Oregon businesses statewide. The Program provides testing services for weighing and measuring devices, and investigates and responds to complaints of discrepancies in weighing and measuring devices. Common weighing and measuring devices include retail grocery store scales, gas pumps, fuel meters, wholesale fuel meters, commercial vehicle scales, livestock scales, and industrial scales.

The Program is funded solely from license fees for commercial weighing and measuring equipment. ORS 618.141 outlines maximum license fees for these instruments and devices. The fee caps were established by the legislature in 2007, and have not been modified since establishment.

House Bill 2057 would increase maximum fees for commercial weighing or measuring instruments or devices and limit the rate of fee increases during licensing periods beginning before July 1, 2026.