

HB 2059 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Frederick

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 05/17/19

Action: Do pass.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 9 - Beyer, Frederick, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Manning Jr, Roblan, Steiner Hayward, Wagner

Nays: 2 - Heard, Thomsen

Exc: 1 - Winters

House Vote

Yeas: 6 - Gomberg, Holvey, McLain, Nosse, Piluso, Rayfield

Nays: 3 - McLane, Smith G, Stark

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/16, 5/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends the sunset on the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) authority to impose limited fee increases of three percent per year for certain licenses related to food production from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2025. Requires that ODA fee increases be approved retroactively to June 30, 2019 if the law takes effect after June 30, 2019. Corrects internal reference errors regarding licenses for certain meat-related food establishments. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- Previous fund shifts that have reduced General Fund in this program causing increased reliance on fee revenue
- Need for another fee increase for this program in the future

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is responsible for regulating production, processing, and distribution of food products. ODA provides licenses for the following types of food establishments: retail, bakery, meat, eggs, shellfish, dairy, non-alcoholic beverages, pet food, food processing and warehousing, home kitchen processing and baking, and refrigerated lockers. The ODA Food Safety Program is supported by food establishment license fees as well as General Fund.

The measure would extend the sunset on ODA authority to annually impose limited fee increases of three percent per year for certain licenses related to food production.