

HB 2616 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the sale of unpasteurized milk from small-scale farms through a delivery service or at farmers' markets or other farm-to-consumer sales locations if milk is labeled as unpasteurized. Specifies health and safety as well as labeling related requirements regarding sale of unpasteurized milk or dairy products from unpasteurized milk. Establishes a civil penalty for the violation of labeling requirements, including 364 days' maximum imprisonment, a \$6,250 fine, or both. Repeals the general prohibition on the sale of unpasteurized milk from cows.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Pasteurized and ultra-pasteurized milk refers to milk that has been heated to 100 °C (212°F) or 128°C (280°F) respectively. Unpasteurized milk has not undergone any temperature treatment and is thus also considered raw milk. Current retail sale of raw milk in Oregon is limited to disease-free goat or sheep milk. With the exception of direct sales from small farms (three cows or less), the retail sale of unpasteurized milk from cows or dairy products from such milk is prohibited in Oregon.

House Bill 2616 would repeal the general prohibition on sale of unpasteurized milk from cows and authorize the sale of unpasteurized milk under certain conditions.