

HB 3251 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$2 million for distribution to Oregon Tourism Commission to establish and administer grant program for agricultural tourism.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Limits grants to \$100,000. Oregon Tourism Commission may spend up to 5% of appropriated moneys to cover administrative expenses implementing program.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3251 appropriates \$2 million for distribution to the Oregon Tourism Commission to establish and administer a grant program to promote, develop, and sustain opportunities for agricultural tourism. The funds will be distributed as grants to qualifying individuals or entities, to be used for education and training those looking to provide agricultural tourism, or to foster, develop, and publicize opportunities for agricultural tourism in the state.