

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 507 - A

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Measure Description:

Makes certain changes to farm direct marketing law.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Agriculture

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 507 - A expands the types of agricultural products sold under certain circumstances that are exempt from ORS 616.695 to 616.755, which relate to sanitary regulations for food and food establishments. The measure also increases the annual sales limit for exemption from \$20,000 to \$50,000, for agricultural producers of fruit-based syrups, preserves, jams, fruits and vegetables, and fruit and vegetable juices. The measure removes the Oregon Department of Agriculture’s (ODA) authority to increase this limit by rule. ODA is directed to adopt rules to implement this measure as soon as practicable after the effective date of the measure; the measure is effective on the 91st day after the Legislature adjourns sine die.

ODA anticipates a minimal fiscal impact from this measure. The agency will likely incur some costs related to rulemaking and public outreach, but these costs can be absorbed using existing resources.

The agency also anticipates that by expanding the types of products exempt from ORS 616.695 to 616.755, the agency will lose some licensing fee revenue assessed under ORS 616.706. The total reduction in revenue is indeterminate at this time but is anticipated to be relatively minimal.