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Bill Title: Relating to civil penalties for laws implemented by the State Department of Agriculture.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Agriculture

Summary of Fiscal Impact

There is minimal fiscal impact for the Department of Agriculture - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is directed to modify civil penalty provisions related to violations of laws governing animal remedies, veterinary biologics, quarantine regulations, and commercial animal feeds. The measure establishes new penalty limits, directs penalty revenues into the Department of Agriculture Service Fund, and authorizes the department to take administrative enforcement actions for unpaid penalties.

Violations of ORS 596.075, 596.321, 596.331 (1), 596.351, 596.388, 596.392 (1) to (3) or (6), 596.404 to 596.416, or 596.460 are subject to civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation. Violations of ORS 596.331 (2), 596.355, 596.392 (4) or (5), or 596.394 to 596.402 are subject to penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation.

Violations of ORS 600.095 or a quarantine imposed under ORS 600.105 are subject to civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation. Violations of ORS 633.006 to 633.089 are subject to penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation.

The measure directs ODA to adopt penalty schedules and enforce penalties in the manner provided in ORS 183.745. If a civil penalty remains unpaid, ODA may suspend, revoke, or deny the issuance or renewal of applicable licenses or registrations. Penalty revenues will be deposited into the Department of Agriculture Service Fund and continuously appropriated for enforcement and administrative costs.

Fiscal Analysis

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) due to rulemaking requirements and legal review costs. ODA will incur costs to adopt rules implementing the new civil penalty provisions and aligning them with existing enforcement procedures, which will be absorbed within existing resources. The measure modifies civil penalties for animal remedies, veterinary biologics, quarantine violations, and commercial animal feed regulations.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.