

SB 5503 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

SB 5503 is the fee ratification bill for the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). The bill includes changes to fees that were administratively adopted or adjusted by rule during the interim and must be ratified by the Legislature during the next session. The measure includes changes to animal health, feeds, and livestock identification fees.

Additionally, a fee increase for the Certifications Program was necessary to bring the Department into compliance with a cooperative agreement between ODA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for services conducted on behalf of USDA. Prior to adoption of these fees in the 2023-25 biennium, ODA consulted with advisory committees and impacted industry. The ratification of these fees enables the continuation of the Department's fee supported programs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The fiscal impact of the measure.
- The reduction of the industrial hemp vendor license from \$200 to \$100.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The proposed -1 amendment changes the industrial hemp vendor license from \$200 to \$100 based on the amount the fee was administratively established at and includes the commercial weighing and measuring instrument fee increases that were adopted by administrative rule in January 2025 with a July 2025 effective date.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 291.055 stipulates that all new state agency fees or fee increases adopted between the date of adjournment sine die of a regular session of the Legislative Assembly, and the date of adjournment sine die of the next regular session of the Legislative Assembly, are rescinded upon adjournment sine die of the next regular session unless the fee is authorized by enabling legislation.