## 77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2013 Regular Session **STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY** Senate Committee on Rural Communities & Economic Development

**MEASURE: HB 2246** CARRIER: Sen. Close

REVENUE: No revenue impact		
FISCAL: No fiscal impact		
Action:		Do Pass
Vote:		5 - 0 - 0
	Yeas:	Baertschiger, Burdick, Close, Prozanski, Roblan
	Nays:	0
	Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:		4/30

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Repeals statutes regarding grading, classifying and inspecting dried prunes.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

Obsolete statutes

## EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The statutes governing grading and inspection of prunes were enacted over 50 years ago when the prune industry was growing in Oregon along with the demand for grading and classification of dried prunes. Standards for grading of dried prunes are now written into grower contracts making the statutes obsolete. House Bill 2246 repeals statutes directing the Oregon Department of Agriculture to establish official grades and standards for dried prunes and to collect fees for grading and inspections.