

**HB 2255 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 02/16/17

**Action:** Do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**Vote:** 8-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Clem, Esquivel, McKeown, McLain, Power, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

**Exc:** 1 - Barreto

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Amends ORS 621.058 to make explicit Oregon Department of Agriculture’s authority to adopt rules relating to safety or marketability of milk or dairy products, including adopting rules to conform with federal government. Removes state regulation prohibiting license suspension for first violation within six-month period.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Conforming to federal pasteurized milk order for interstate commerce
- Applies to all dairy operations in Oregon

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon’s milk statute currently does not give explicit authority to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to adopt the national Grade “A” Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) in administrative rule. The PMO is used nationally to set milk safety standards and standards for interstate commerce in milk.

House Bill 2255 would clarify ODA’s authority to adopt rules referencing the PMO and allow the agency to suspend grade designation privileges of milk producers for a first violation of safety standards.