

HB 2355 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes minimum orchard size requirements for cider businesses producing less than 100,000 gallons of cider annually on lands zoned for exclusive farm use or mixed farm and forest use.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, Senate Bill 677 established a cider business as a permitted use on land zoned for exclusive farm use or mixed farm and forest use. The measure, modeled on the winery statutes, established a 15-acre minimum orchard size for businesses producing less than 100,000 gallons of cider annually, and a 40-acre minimum orchard size for businesses producing at least 100,000 gallons of cider annually. The measure also specified the related uses allowed at such businesses and authorized up to 18 agri-tourism or other commercial events at these locations each calendar year.

House Bill 2355 would remove minimum orchard size requirements for cider businesses producing less than 100,000 gallons of cider annually on lands zoned for farm use.