



## OREGON TALL FESCUE COMMISSION

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To: The Honorable Chuck Riley  
Senate Committee on Business and General Government

From: Orin Nusbaum, Chair  
Oregon Tall Fescue Commission

Re: **HB 3401 Support – Transfers the Oregon Orchardgrass Assessment Authority to the Oregon Tall Fescue Commission**

The Oregon Tall Fescue Commission would like to acknowledge its support for HB 3401, an action that will terminate the Oregon Orchardgrass Commission and transfer the assessment authority to the Oregon Tall Fescue Commission. The Tall Fescue Commission has discussed and supports this action.

The two Commissions have regularly cooperated on projects of importance to the U.S. livestock and forage industries, so we are well acquainted with the nature of their research and promotion priorities. In addition, it's common that producers of tall fescue seed are also producers of Orchardgrass seed, so the merging of these two Commissions works well and makes sense.

It's my understanding the Oregon Orchardgrass Commission operates on annual revenue of approximately \$45,000, a small amount when it comes to research and promotions that illustrates the need to find efficiencies in overhead and administrative expenses.

This also illustrates the need for some commissions to have contractors to provide administration. This provision already exists in Statute, but updates are required to provide detail on the duties that can be provided.

Thank you for your support and please let me know if you have questions.

