

SB 33 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to by rule increase specified food safety license fee. Limits fee increases to no more than 15 percent of the amount of the fee for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and by no more than 15 percent for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, excluding any increase imposed for fiscal year 2022. Specifies that such fee increases are in addition to license fees established under statutes. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Food safety program is funded by both general fund and other funds (currently 25% GF, 75% OF); changed from 40% GF, 60% OFs in 2017
- Downward trend in program revenues over time; reserves lowered
- Program purpose is to prevent spread of food borne illness

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) issues licenses for a variety of activities related to food manufacturing and processing. House Bill 33 would authorize ODA to by rule increase the license fees listed below by no more than 15 percent for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2023:

ORS 603.025 – meat products

ORS 616.706 – food establishment

ORS 619.031 – animal food slaughtering and processing

ORS 621.072 – use of milk grade designation

ORS 621.166 – dairy products plant

ORS 621.266 – pasteurizer operator

ORS 625.180 – bakery or bakery distributor

ORS 628.240 – refrigerated locker plant

ORS 632.720 – egg handler

ORS 632.730 – commercial egg broker

ORS 635.030 – non-alcoholic beverage manufacturer