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**To:** Natural Resources Subcommittee

**From:** John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** June 14, 2021

**Subject:** SB 33 – Relating to food safety program fees  
Work Session Recommendations

SB 33 authorizes the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to increase by rule certain food safety program license fees. The increase for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 is capped at 15 percent of the amount of the license fee for the preceding fiscal year. The increase for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 is capped at 15 percent of the license fee for the preceding fiscal year, excluding any increases that were made under this measure starting in the 2022 fiscal year. Increases to license fees under this measure do not preclude ODA from modifying or imposing additional license fees; under HB 2059 (2019) ODA was also granted the authority to increase fees by 3% annually through fiscal year 2025.

By increasing the statutory cap, ODA will be able to administratively adjust the annual fee amounts to ensure the Food Safety Program has sufficient revenue going forward. The Department will need to continue to evaluate its budget needs along with stakeholder input to determine the appropriate fee levels to be adopted by rule, which will then require ratification by the Legislature.

The budget bill for ODA (SB 5502) assumes passage of SB 33.

### **Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the -1 amendment which adjusts each of the fiscal year percentage caps from 15 to 7 percent.

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that SB 33, as amended by the -1 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

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