

SB 882 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits farm direct marketer and consignment sales of maple syrup. Makes conforming amendments.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of farm direct program
- Senate Committee on Natural Resources has a separate measure concerning farm direct program
- Health and safety standards for farm direct sales of maple syrup

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State Department of Agriculture (department) is required to enforce sanitation regulations governing food and food establishments. Oregon law specifies requirements for food establishments to obtain a license and permit the department to conduct inspections of food establishments.

A "farm direct marketer" is an agricultural producer that directly sells to a retail purchaser agricultural products grown, raised, and harvested by the producer. "Consignment" is defined as an agreement whereby an agricultural producer sells to a retail purchaser the agricultural products of another agricultural producer that is in the same county, or in any county adjoining a county in which the agricultural producer is located, without representing that the products were grown or raised by the seller.

Agricultural products like fresh fruit and herbs that are offered for sale by a farm direct marketer or by consignment are exempt from several department regulations for food and food establishments. Senate Bill 882 allows farm direct marketer and consignment sales of maple syrup.