

HB 5003 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 3/14, 3/15, 3/16, 5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

House Bill 5003 is the fee ratification bill for the Department of Agriculture (ODA). The bill includes changes to fees that were administratively adopted or adjusted by rule during the interim and must be ratified by the Legislature during the next session. The measure includes changes to the pesticide product registration fee, industrial hemp license fees, Seed Program fees, food safety license fees, and livestock identification fees. Additionally, a fee increase for the Certifications Program was necessary to bring the Department into compliance with a cooperative agreement between ODA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture for services conducted on behalf of USDA. Prior to the adoption of these fees in the 2021-23 biennium, ODA consulted with its advisory committees. The ratification of these fees enables the continuation of the Department's fee supported programs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- The Department's budget bill (HB 5002) assumes ratification of these fees.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 291.055(1)(e) stipulates that all new state agency fees or fee increases adopted between the date of adjournment sine die of a regular session of the Legislative Assembly, and the date of adjournment sine die of the next regular session of the Legislative Assembly, are rescinded upon adjournment sine die of the next regular session of the Legislative Assembly unless the fee is authorized by enabling legislation.