

HB 2411 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Owens

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Action Date: 01/31/23

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Gamba, Hartman, Helm, Levy B, McLain, Owens, Scharf

Exc: 1 - Marsh

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/26, 1/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Dissolves the Oregon Alfalfa Seed Commission. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Status of alfalfa seed industry in Oregon
- Status of Oregon Alfalfa Seed Commission
- Cost of commission assessment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*) is a plant in the pea family and is primarily grown as hay. In Oregon, alfalfa seed production is located in Central Oregon, primarily in Jefferson County. The Oregon Alfalfa Seed Commission has five members and was established in 1990. Commodity commissioners are Oregon public officials who volunteer their time for the economic betterment of the commodity.

House Bill 2411 would dissolve the Oregon Alfalfa Seed Commission.