

SB 833 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure makes certain changes related to label requirements for soil-enhancing products. Makes certain changes related to tonnage reports for soil-enhancing products.

Detailed Summary:

Provides additional labeling formats. Requires that the guaranteed analysis of chelated, water soluble or other form of plant nutrient not exceed the total guaranteed analysis of the same secondary nutrient or micronutrient. Requires that if a fertilizer, agricultural amendment, agricultural mineral or lime product has a boron concentration greater than 0.1 percent or a molybdenum concentration greater than 0.001 percent, the product label include a guaranteed analysis of the boron or molybdenum. Modifies reporting periods for filing tonnage reports.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Authorizes Oregon Department of Agriculture to adopt rules establishing and maintaining labeling requirements and guidelines for fertilizer products and agricultural amendment products that align with national standards developed by the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials for the fertilizer products and agricultural amendment products.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Fertilizer Program inspects and registers fertilizer, agricultural mineral, lime, and agricultural amendment products distributed in Oregon. "Distribution" includes import, consignment, sale, offer of sale, barter, or other exchange or facilitation to supply products. These products must be registered with ODA before they can be distributed in Oregon. According to the *Oregon Fertilizer Program Registration Guide*, "the purpose for regulating and monitoring products is to create:

1. Uniform and accurate product labeling.
2. Assurance, through sampling and analysis, that products provide the nutrients and other benefits advertised.
3. Protection for Oregon's environment and natural resources from heavy metals and other contaminants.
4. Support for ODA's fertilizer research and development program that funds research projects on the interactions of products with ground or surface water."