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Bill Title: Relating to civil penalties for laws implemented by the State Department of Agriculture.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Agriculture

Summary of Fiscal Impact

There is minimal fiscal impact for the Department of Agriculture - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure modifies civil penalties for violations related to animal remedies, veterinary biologics, quarantine regulations, and commercial animal feeds. The measure establishes new civil penalty limits for certain violations, ranging from \$1,000, \$5,000 or \$10,000 per violation in certain circumstances and authorizes the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to take administrative enforcement actions for unpaid penalties. The measure directs civil penalty revenues into the Department of Agriculture Service Fund, with funds continuously appropriated for enforcement and administrative costs.

Fiscal Analysis

The modification of the civil penalties for animal remedies, veterinary biologics, quarantine violations, and commercial animal feed regulations will bring them into alignment with other enforcement authorities within the Department. Currently, enforcement of these violations relies on criminal charges rather than administrative civil penalties. Based on the Department's past enforcement practices and historical trends, the potential revenue is anticipated to be minimal.

There is a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Agriculture for rulemaking and legal review. Costs to implement the new civil penalty provisions will be absorbed within existing resources.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.