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Bill Title: Relating to license fees for commercial instruments.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Agriculture

Summary of Fiscal Impact

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

Measure Description

The measure increases the maximum license fees for commercial weighing and measuring instruments regulated by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) under ORS 618.141. The fee increases apply to various types of weighing devices, continuous weighing systems, liquid-fuel metering devices, and special liquid-fuel measuring equipment. Additionally, the measure authorizes ODA to increase license fees by up to 10% annually for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027, exceeding the standard 3% annual cap established under ORS 618.136 (3).

Fiscal Analysis

The measure increases the statutory maximum fees for commercial weighing and measuring devices regulated by ODA and allows for additional fee adjustments of up to 10% annually in fiscal years 2027 and 2028. The Weights and Measures Program ensures fairness in commercial transactions by verifying the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices used in trade. The program is entirely supported by Other Funds revenue, derived from license fees paid by regulated entities.

The measure is projected to generate an increase of approximately \$447,140 compared to the 2023-25 biennium for a total of \$9.13 million in Other Funds revenue for the 2025-27 biennium. Actual revenue impact will depend on the number of licensed devices and ODA's implementation of the fee adjustments. Administrative and rulemaking costs associated with implementing the measure are expected to be minimal.

This measure is linked to Policy Option Package 220: Weights and Measures Fee in the ODA 2025-27 Governor's budget. The package includes a placeholder revenue amount since actual fee levels for 2025-27 are not yet finalized.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.