

Secretary of State  
**STATEMENT OF NEED AND FISCAL IMPACT**

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing or a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking accompanies this form.

Department of Agriculture, Oregon Strawberry Commission

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**Agency and Division**

**Administrative Rules Chapter Number**

Change the assessment on strawberries from 1.25 percent to 1 percent.

**Rule Caption (Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.)**

**In the Matter of:**

Amend OAR 668-010-0010

**Statutory Authority:** ORS 576.304

**Other Authority:**

**Stats. Implemented:** ORS 576.325, ORS 576.335

**Need for the Rule(s):**

This proposed rule change will allow the Commission to collect assessments of 1 percent of the gross value of the raw product.

**Documents Relied Upon, and where they are available:**

ORS 576 (available online)

OAR 668-010-0010 (available online)

Oregon Strawberry Commission October 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes (available from the Oregon Strawberry Commission Administrative Office 541-758-4043)

**Fiscal and Economic Impact:**

The Fiscal and Economic impact on the Commission and the strawberry industry will be the decrease in collected assessments of approximately \$25,000 per year.

**Statement of Cost of Compliance:**

**1. Impact on state agencies, units of local government and the public (ORS 183.335(2)(b)(E)):**

There will be no additional impact on state agencies, units of local government and/or the public.

**2. Cost of compliance effect on small business (ORS 183.336):**

**a. Estimate the number of small businesses and types of business and industries with small businesses subject to the rule:**

The current average yearly assessment for an Oregon strawberry producer is \$1,750. The .25 percent assessment reduction will decrease the average assessment for an Oregon strawberry producer to \$1,400.

**b. Projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative activities required for compliance, including costs of professional services:**

There will be no additional recordkeeping or other administrative activities required for the compliance, nor any additional costs for professional services.

**c. Equipment, supplies, labor and increased administration required for compliance:**

There will be no additional costs to the Commission or the strawberry industry.

**How were small businesses involved in the development of this rule?**

The Commission consists of strawberry growers/farmers and strawberry industry representatives, which are considered small businesses. The Commission discussed and voted on this matter at a public meeting.

**Administrative Rule Advisory Committee consulted?: If not, why?:**

The Oregon Strawberry Commission acted as an advisory committee and discussed and voted on this matter at a public meeting.

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