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**To:** Lindsay Eng, Deputy Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture  
**Subject:** Summary Report on Public Comment  
**From:** Sunny Summers  
**Date:** June 18, 2026

**Rulemaking Public Comment Summary** - The purpose of this rulemaking public comment period was to allow public comment on rules to increase annual device licensing fees for the Weights and Measures Program.

**Public Hearing** – ODA held a public hearing on May 19, 2026. No verbal comments were received.

**Summary of Written Comments** - ODA accepted written testimony from the public through 5:00 p.m. on May 29, 2026. Those comments and responses are available on the next page.

Dated this 18th day of June 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sunny Summers', is written over a horizontal line.

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## Comments

Commenter	Comment	Response
Dale C.	you are killing small business...	<p>Thank you for your comments on our fee rules.</p> <p>Program license fees over the past 10 years have matched inflation, averaging just over 3% per year. The Weights and Measures program strives to conduct our statutory duties in the most efficient manner possible. We are happy to take any constructive feedback related to improving the efficiency of operations. Please review the information related to the rulemaking submission for more <a href="#">detailed analysis</a>.</p>
Jim K.	<p>Dear all, thanks for the work you all do to keep your part of the government working. I understand the need for needing to increase license fees to cover the costs of your operation. Inflation and other reasons cause your costs to increase and so occasional increase are necessary.</p> <p>My request is to keep the increases reasonable and modest. These fees are part of my operation costs as a business and so do impact my ability to operate as well. thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments on our fee rules.</p> <p>Program license fees over the past 10 years have matched inflation, averaging just over 3% per year. The Weights and Measures program strives to conduct our statutory duties in the most efficient manner possible. We are happy to take any constructive feedback related to improving the efficiency of operations. Please review the information related to the rulemaking submission for more <a href="#">detailed analysis</a>.</p>
Mark H.	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am writing to formally oppose the Oregon Department of Agriculture's proposed increase to license fees for commercial weighing and measuring devices. As a commercial business operating in Oregon, I am deeply concerned about the cumulative financial burden that this fee increase would impose on top of the significant cost pressures our industry already faces.</p> <p>Over the past several years, commercial businesses have absorbed dramatic increases in fuel costs, road-use taxes, and other state and federal operating fees. These costs are not abstract — they directly affect our ability to remain competitive, retain employees, and serve Oregon communities. Layering additional license fee increases onto these</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments on our fee rules.</p> <p>Program license fees over the past 10 years have matched inflation, averaging just over 3% per year. The Weights and Measures program strives to conduct our statutory duties in the most efficient manner possible. We are happy to take any constructive feedback related to improving the efficiency of operations. Please review the information related to the rulemaking submission for more <a href="#">detailed analysis</a>.</p>



	<p>existing burdens is not a sustainable direction for businesses operating on thin margins.</p> <p>I urge the Department to consider the following before finalizing any fee changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conduct and publish a full cost-justification analysis demonstrating why the proposed fee levels are necessary at this time.</li> <li>2. Acknowledge the cumulative regulatory and tax burden already carried by commercial businesses in Oregon and weigh that context appropriately.</li> <li>3. Explore a phased implementation or tiered fee structure to reduce the impact on smaller operators.</li> <li>4. Delay adoption to allow for broader stakeholder input from affected industries.</li> </ol> <p>I support a well-funded weights and measures program and the consumer protections it provides. However, fee increases must be proportionate, transparent, and mindful of the economic environment businesses are already navigating. I respectfully ask that the Department reconsider the proposed increases.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.</p>	
Mike K.	<p>Stop! No more fees. This will continue eroding Oregon's business climate. We pay enough. So stop with the nonsense and start living within your means, which are ample. It's hard work trying to make all of the money go around, isn't it. That is exactly what we are, as Oregon small business owners, trying to do.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments on our fee rules.</p> <p>Program license fees over the past 10 years have matched inflation, averaging just over 3% per year. The Weights and Measures program strives to conduct our statutory duties in the most efficient manner possible. We are happy to take any constructive feedback related to improving the efficiency of operations. Please review the information related to the rulemaking submission for more <a href="#">detailed analysis</a>.</p>
Kris D.	<p>I understand the reasoning behind raising rates but agriculture has no way to recoup those increases. We're just plankton at the bottom of the food chain. Just another expense that we have to swallow. I don't understand though why you don't raise rates gradually over time instead of a huge jump all</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments on our fee rules.</p> <p>Program license fees over the past 10 years have matched inflation, averaging just over 3% per year. The Weights and Measures program strives to conduct our statutory duties in the most</p>



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Jean M.	We are a small fam with u-pick blueberries open to the public. We oppose the fee increase for weights and measures. There is no benefit to us or the public whom we serve. We use a simple mechanical scale. Creeping fee increases such as this increase farm food production costs. Too expensive to administer.	Thank you for your comments on our fee rules. Oregon Weights and Measures helps ensure that the scales, meters, and other measurement devices businesses use are accurate and maintained so consumers can rely on what they're buying. The program works to prevent unfair practices in how products are weighed, measured, packaged, and priced. By regulating these activities, the program supports a fair marketplace. Program license fees over the past 10 years have matched inflation, averaging just over 3% per year. The Weights and Measures program strives to conduct our statutory duties in the most efficient manner possible. We are happy to take any constructive feedback related to improving the efficiency of operations. Please review the information related to the rulemaking submission for more <a href="#">detailed analysis</a> .
Stephen	don't raise our scale fees. state government budget doubled over the past 10 years. look it up. my sales? THE SAME AS 10 YEARS AGO. get your spending update control before you COME TO ME ASKING FOR MORE OF OUR FARM'S MONEY  RESPECT THAT YOU PIG, LEARN HOW TO BUDGET LIKE THE REST OF US COMMON FOLKS JUST TRYING TO GET BY  THANKS	Thank you for your comments on our fee rules. Program license fees over the past 10 years have matched inflation, averaging just over 3% per year. The Weights and Measures program strives to conduct our statutory duties in the most efficient manner possible. We are happy to take any constructive feedback related to improving the efficiency of operations. Please review the information related to the rulemaking submission for more <a href="#">detailed analysis</a> .

