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### Summary of field trip taken June 18, 2015

Attended in part or in whole by Representatives Witt, McLain, Barreto, Frederick and McKeown.

#### Willamette Valley Vineyards - Turner, Oregon

A tour of Willamette Valley Vineyards was given by its founder, Jim Bernau. He spoke of the history of Oregon's wine industry and the efforts of legislators that have allowed the industry to flourish. Willamette Valley Vineyards is unique in that there are thousands of owners who hold stock in the vineyard. The group discussed the positive impact the wine industry has had on tourism and Oregon's economy.

#### Oregon State University Fermentation Lab - Corvallis, Oregon

Administrators, professors and students from the College of Agricultural Sciences led a tour of the fermentation science programs. The group learned how microorganisms are used to produce malt beverages, wine and cheese. The program's research and graduates help propel Oregon's booming craft brewery industry. The artisan cheese and wine industry are also well served by the fermentation science programs. The students market their cheese under the Beaver Classic<sup>TM</sup> label they created.

#### Lumos Vineyards - Philomath, Oregon

Dai Crisp, vineyard owner and winemaker, discussed the organic and sustainable methods he has used for more than two decades. He described methods used to control pests that rely on intensive monitoring for minimal intervention. Taking advantage of their incredible location, Crisp and his business partner and wife rent out the barn for large events and the small cabin next to one of their three vineyards.