

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Yeas: Prozanski, Walker, Burdick

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Exc.: Kruse

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Meeting Dates: 3/16, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Class A misdemeanor of restrictive confinement of pregnant pig.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Calves were removed from bill because Oregon has no veal industry
- Practices of Oregon pig farmers regarding farrowing crates and impact of bill in Oregon

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes calves from bill altogether; also limits scope of bill to “pregnant pigs” as opposed to just pigs.

BACKGROUND: SB 694 creates a Class A misdemeanor for “restrictive confinement of a pregnant pig” if a person does each of the following three elements:

- 1) confines a pregnant pig,
- 2) for more than 12 hours in any 24 hour period,
- 3) in a manner that prevents the pregnant pig from:
 - a) lying down and fully extending its limbs, or
 - b) turning around freely (defined as being able “to turn in a complete circle without an impediment, including a tether, and without touching any side of the enclosure”)

There are specific exceptions for a pregnant pig that is 1) being transported, 2) part of a rodeo or state or county fair, 3) being slaughtered, 4) part of lawful research, 5) being examined by a veterinarian, or 6) a pig in the seven-day period before the pig farrows (gives birth).

SB 694 defines “pig” and “turning around freely.” It applies to the confinement of pigs after January 1, 2012.