

HB 2393 - Poultry Processing

Small Scale Poultry Producers Need Economic Certainty to Succeed

- In 2011, the Oregon Legislature passed a law (ORS 603.038) to exempt from state licensing small-scale poultry producers who slaughter and sell up to 1000 birds per year on their property. The goal was to reduce the cost of poultry slaughter for small-scale growers and create new economic opportunities in rural communities across the state.
- HB 2393 would clarify that such small scale poultry operations are a permitted farm use exempt from county required conditional use permits that would normally apply to larger operations. Such permits can be costly and time consuming to obtain.
- HB 2393 would provide greater economic certainty for small-scale poultry producers across Oregon, and build on the Legislature's efforts to make it easier for small poultry producers to operate.

Why this fix is needed

- Though intended to ease restrictions and reduce costs for small scale poultry producers, ORS 603.038 was silent about land use permitting, leaving this up to individual county interpretation.
- This results in inconsistent regulations across the state, where some small-scale producers have been forced to use the same type of rigorous land use permitting required for large scale slaughter facilities with much larger impacts.
- However, small-scale poultry slaughter envisioned in ORS 603.038 is more consistent with other permitted farm uses than a commercial use in its impact on neighboring communities, waste output, and the size of its infrastructure.
- HB 2393 is needed to create certainty across the state for small-scale poultry producers, which will provide economic opportunity while meeting growing demand for locally produced food.



HB 2393 is a priority of the Oregon Grows Partnership, an alliance of farm, rural development, local food and food security organizations whose collective membership represents over a quarter of a million Oregonians who are farmers, small business owners, rural residents and consumers.



Ivan Maluski
Policy Director
Friends of Family Farmers
ivan@friendsoffamilyfarmers.org
503.449.2270

Steve McCoy
Farm Forest Attorney
1000 Friends of Oregon
steve@friends.org
503.497.1000

