

HB 3016 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes that a county may not prohibit by zoning ordinance keeping of any species of livestock on property where keeping of one or more species of livestock is a permitted use.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Right-to-farm provisions in Oregon law protect growers from court decisions based on customary noises, smells, dust, or other nuisances associated with farming. They also limit local governments and special districts from administratively declaring certain farm and forest products to be nuisances or trespasses (ORS 30.930). "Farm" is defined to include any facility, including the land, buildings, watercourses and appurtenances thereto, used in the commercial production of crops, nursery stock, livestock, poultry, livestock products, poultry products, vermiculture products or the propagation and raising of nursery stock.

House Bill 3016 would clarify that on land zoned for the keeping of livestock, a county may not prohibit the keeping of any species of livestock. The bill would define the term livestock to include ratites, psittacines, horses, mules, jackasses, cattle, llamas, alpacas, sheep, goats, swine, domesticated fowl and any fur-bearing animal bred and maintained commercially or otherwise within pens, cages and hutches.