

HB 2525 -2, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes charitable organization to serve donated game meat if inspected and determined fit for human consumption by certain organizations and persons trained by Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and if game meat has been prepared by ODA-licensed establishment. Defines "fit for human consumption" as game meat from animal killed by weapon and free from visible disease or parasite lesions. Defines "game meat" as edible portion of wildlife species for which Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife prescribes angling, hunting, or trapping season by rule. Adds exemption from liability for employees of authorized animal food processing establishment licensed by ODA.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Removes requirement for federal meat inspection.

-3 Revises definition of "fit for human consumption" to require carcass is free from lead ammunition.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, ORS 619.095 specifies that game meat may be served for human consumption by charitable organizations if first inspected by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) or by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) or Oregon State Police if trained by ODA. The definition of game meat is limited to antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, moose and mountain goat.

House Bill 2525A would expand authorization for inspection of game meat donated to charitable organizations to include animal processing establishments approved and trained by ODA. The bill would also expand the current definition of "game meat" to include all wildlife that have a hunting, angling or trapping season set by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.