

HB 3372 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) adopt rules for the processing and sale of beef and lamb for in-state commerce. Authorizes ODA to adopt rules that diverge from Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) requirements, provided that the rules include requirements equivalent to U.S. code relating to record-keeping and registration for meat inspectors and processors, and the regulation of 4-D animals to prevent their use for human consumption. Prohibits ODA from administering or enforcing any FMIA provision for beef and lamb that is subject to the new ODA rules. Specifies that beef and lamb processing and sales that meet requirements of the new ODA rules are no longer subject to license suspensions, revocations, and issuance refusals for not meeting State Meat Inspection Act requirements.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) was passed by Congress in 1906; it prohibited the sale of contaminated or misbranded meat and meat products, and ensured that livestock were slaughtered and processed in sanitary conditions. FMIA directed the US Department of Agriculture to inspect all livestock before and after slaughtering and processing if it was intended for human consumption. FMIA was amended by the Wholesome Meat Act of 1967, which required states to have inspection programs “at least equal to” the federal inspection program.

House Bill 3372 would require the Oregon Department of Agriculture to adopt rules for the processing and sale of beef and lamb for in-state commerce, and would allow rules to diverge from Federal Meat Inspection Act requirements in some cases.