

HB 4152 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires State Department of Agriculture to adopt rules governing inspection of wholly intrastate processing and sale of beef and lamb. Requires rules to impose requirements that are at least equal to the requirements imposed under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 to 695) and the federal Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901 to 1907). Prohibits ODA from administering or enforcing any requirement of the Federal Meat Inspection Act that is addressed by a department rule adopted under Act. Defines key terms.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to establish a program for the state inspection of the processing and sale of meat products (Program) from amenable and nonamenable species by rule. Requires ODA to inspect meat products and license establishments under the program. Authorizes ODA to establish license requirements and fee schedule. Requires that the rules adopted must impose requirements that are at least equal to the requirements under the Federal Meat inspection Act and the federal Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act. Authorizes ODA to administer Program if it has received full federal approval of the program.

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 4152 would require the Oregon Department of Agriculture to adopt rules for the processing and sale of beef and lamb for in-state commerce.