

HB 4206 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Joint Committee On The First Special Session of 2020

Carrier: Rep. Smith DB

Action Date: 06/24/20

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 7 - Bynum, Drazan, Holvey, Lewis, Salinas, Speaker Kotek, Stark

Senate Vote

Yeas: 7 - Burdick, Frederick, Girod, Knopp, President Courtney, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 6/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to establish a program by rule for state inspection of the processing and sale of meat products from amenable and nonamenable species, except for equine species. Requires ODA to inspect meat products, and authorizes ODA to license establishments operating under the program. Requires that adopted rules 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 the program for state inspection of amenable species only if it has received full federal approval of the program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Barriers to slaughter facility access
- Transport times and conditions for producers and animals
- Considerations related to the processing and sale of horse and other equine meats in Oregon
- Uses and markets for meat products following processing
- Measure history during the 2020 legislative session

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure. Reinstates text from House Bill 4206 as introduced, and adds prohibition for ODA to establish a state inspection program for the processing or sale of meat products from equines.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) was passed by Congress in 1906; it prohibits the sale of contaminated or misbranded meat and meat products, and ensures that livestock are slaughtered and processed in sanitary conditions. FMIA directs the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to inspect all livestock before and after slaughtering and processing if the meat is intended for human consumption. FMIA was amended by the Wholesome Meat Act of 1967, which requires states to have inspection programs “at least equal to” the federal inspection program. Amenable species are defined by 21 U.S.C. 601(w) and the USDA to include cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, and other equines. Nonamenable species would need to be defined by rule by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) under House Bill 4206-A, but typically include wild game and/or exotic species. A similar version of this measure was considered in the 2020 legislative session as House Bill 4152.

House Bill 4206-A would authorize ODA to adopt rules to establish a program for state inspection for the processing and sale of meat products.