HB 2786 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to study barriers to and methods to promote family-scale meat production. Recommends legislative or regulatory avenues to remove identified barriers and promote family-scale meat production; and submit a report concerning study and recommendations to a committee of Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022. Appropriates General Fund moneys to ODA. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The disruptions in availability and the rising prices of meat, particularly due to the coronavirus pandemic, has raised interest among people to raise their own meat animals at home for consumption and/or small-scale business.

House Bill 2786 would direct Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to study barriers to, and methods to promote, family-scale meat production; recommend legislative or regulatory avenues to remove identified barriers and promote family-scale meat production; submit a report on the study and recommendations to a committee of the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022. House Bill 2786 would also appropriate General Fund moneys to ODA for this work.