

SB 32 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases brand recording fee from \$25 to \$50 and cap for activation fee from \$100 to \$200. Increases annual brand renewal fee cap from \$100 to \$200; for sheep, raises fee cap from \$40 to \$50. Changes \$25 fee to transfer a recorded brand to a \$50 cap on such fee. Increases cap for service fee for brand inspection from \$25 to \$35. Increases brand inspection fee on cattle and cattle hides for which a brand inspection certificate is valid for eight days from not less than 85 cents to \$1 and not more than \$1 to \$1.50. Changes fee for application or renewal of feedlot license from \$100 to a fee cap of \$100.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purpose and benefits of livestock branding program
- Concerns about proposed caps

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Restores current fee level caps for brand recording fee, brand activation fee, brand renewal fee, and changes maximum per head of cattle inspection fee to \$1.35.

-2 Restores current fee level caps for brand recording fee, brand activation fee, brand renewal fee, and changes maximum per head of cattle inspection fee to \$1.35. Adds emergency clause.

BACKGROUND:

While livestock brands are not mandatory in Oregon, the Department of Agriculture (ODA) encourages owners to brand their livestock as a primary proof of ownership, a deterrent to theft, and to help inspectors trace missing and stolen livestock. Livestock brands must be registered with the ODA.

A annual feedlot license is required for a beef cattle feedlot that has more than 500 head of cattle being fed for slaughter at any one time during a calendar year.

Senate Bill 32 would change the fee or fee cap for various fees related to livestock branding and feedlot licensing.