

## **SB 832 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits, on or after the effective date of Act, person from breeding mink or transporting mink to or from a mink farm or working at a mink farm unless the person has tested negative for COVID-19 within the previous 10 days. Directs Oregon Department of Agriculture to establish and implement a program of contact tracing for persons who work at mink farms. Sunsets these provisions of Act on January 1, 2023.

Defines "mink farm" as a facility that engages in the breeding or raising of mink for commercial purposes. Prohibits a person from operating a mink farm. Directs Oregon Health Authority director to determine and publicly announce the soonest feasible date for implementing the prohibition on operating commercial mink farms. Requires date to be not later than 180 days after the effective date of Act and not earlier than 90 days after the director makes the public announcement. Makes violation of Act a Class A violation and subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 per violation.

Directs state workforce agencies to treat person who operates a mink farm on effective date of Act a covered person for purposes of priority services. Directs ODA director, notwithstanding any contrary requirements, to waive fees for registration or application related to a commodity and Department of Consumer and Business Services to assist with access to small business loans any person who operates a mink farm on the effective date of Act.

Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

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

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

*No subsequent referral*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In late 2020, the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Veterinary Service Laboratory (NVSL) confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 in mink at one Oregon farm.

Senate Bill 832 would prohibit a person from breeding mink or transporting mink to or from a mink farm or working at a mink farm unless the person has tested negative for COVID-19 within the previous 10 days. The measure would also prohibit a person from operating a mink farm following a determination and announcement by the Oregon Health Authority director of the soonest feasible date for implementing the prohibition. The measure would require this date to be not later than 180 days after the effective date of Act and not earlier than 90 days after the director makes the public announcement.