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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee

From: John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 16, 2021

Subject: HB 2785 – Relating to meat inspection
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2785 directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to establish a grant program by rule. The grant program is to fund construction and upgrades to establishments that will operate under the State Meat Inspection Program authorized by HB 4206 (2020 1st Special Session); and expansion of establishments that operate under the federal inspection program and will increase processing of meat from animals raised in Oregon.

The measure appropriates \$9.7 million General Fund to ODA for grant program funding. These funds are to be available continuously until expended as part of the grant program, or until this measure sunsets on January 2, 2027. The measure also appropriates \$300,000 General Fund to Oregon State University (OSU) to fund upgrades to the facilities and equipment at the Clark Meat Science Center, consistent with inspection requirements.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A5 amendment which adjusts the amount of grant funding from \$9 million General Fund to \$2 million of one-time General Fund and sunsets the grant program at the conclusion of the 2021-23 biennium.

The -A5 amendment also changes the \$300,000 General Fund appropriation from Oregon State University to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to distribute to OSU, as General Fund must be appropriated through a state agency.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2785, as amended by the -A5 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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