

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2785

Relating to meat inspection

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Anderson

HB 2785 directs the Department of Agriculture to establish a grant program by rule to fund construction and upgrades to establishments that want to operate under the State Meat Inspection Program authorized by HB 4206 during the 2020 1st special session. The measure provides one-time General Fund of \$2 million for this grant program, which sunsets June 30, 2023.

The measure also appropriates \$300,000 of one-time General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to distribute to Oregon State University to upgrade the Clark Meat Science Center facilities and equipment to be consistent with inspection requirements.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2785 be amended by the –A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.