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TO: House Interim Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
FROM: Anna Glueder, LPRO Analyst
RE: 2025 Committee LC Summaries
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LC 610: Expands Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW's) consideration of having a disability under wildlife laws related to angling or shellfish harvesting to include an intellectual or developmental disability that prevents a person from holding or operating angling and/or shellfish harvesting equipment. (Dated 11/15/24)

LC 952: Appropriates General Fund moneys to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to hire up to two full-time staff members for Oregon's inspection program for processing and sale of meat products. Requires ODA to ensure that new staff members prioritize slaughter-specific facilities, facilities in rural and underserved communities, and new state-sponsored facilities in an equitable manner across Oregon. (Dated 11/15/2024)

LC 1836: Appropriates \$830,415 General Fund moneys to the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) for costs related to well construction and compliance. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025. (Dated 10/10/24)

LC 2046: Directs ODA to conduct or contract an analysis of the economic competitiveness of Oregon's agricultural sector, including the competitiveness of Oregon's agricultural products within the U.S. domestic market and the potential of improving competitiveness and sustainability through technological advancements, the potential of implementing climate-smart agricultural practices in regard to long-term competitiveness and environmental stewardship, agricultural infrastructure needs, impacts on Oregon's agricultural sector from changes in the global market and supply chains after 2020, and foreign investments in Oregon agricultural land. Requires ODA to seek and consider input from stakeholders representing Oregon's agricultural sector, including Indian tribes, various types and sizes of agricultural operations, farmworkers, and experts. Requires the report to include recommendations aimed at ensuring the competitiveness of Oregon's agriculture. Requires all agencies to assist ODA as requested. Requires ODA to submit a report to an agriculture-related interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2026. Sunsets January 2, 2027. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die. (Dated 11/01/2024)

LC 2503: Appropriates \$10 million General Fund moneys to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (commission) for distribution to the Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University (OSU) to support veterinary education programs and the college's Lois Bates Acheson Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Appropriates \$3.5 million General Fund moneys to the commission for distribution to OSU's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to support faculty and personnels working on chronic wasting disease and zoonotic diseases. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025. (Dated 11/19/24)

LC 2811: Requires the OSU Extension Service to establish a program to provide assistance to households that rely on wells for drinking water or on septic systems for wastewater treatment. Requires the program to focus on areas that are declared areas of ground water concern and appropriates \$2.5 million General Fund moneys for implementation to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to the OSU Extension Service. Appropriates \$5 million General Fund moneys to OWRD for deposit into the Water Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund and \$5 million General Fund moneys to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for purposes related to Oregon's low-interest loan programs for repair, replacement, upgrade, or evaluation of residential or small business on-site septic systems. Declares and emergency, effective on passage. (Dated 12/09/24).

LC 3333: Declares the intent of the Legislative Assembly to encourage and expand water reuse in Oregon and declares it state policy for executive agencies to work together to encourage and expand opportunities for water reuse by reducing barriers and funding constraints and improving water reuse related policies and internal operations. Requires the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and OWRD to jointly establish an interagency water reuse development team and directs other agencies to join as requested. Specifies the work of the team. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die. (Dated 12/2/24).

LC 3909: Authorizes ODFW, the Oregon Marine Board, or the Oregon Department of Agriculture to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with a local government or local service district to assist in operating a watercraft check station and decontaminate or order the decontamination of watercrafts. Requires agreements to include specified functions to be performed by the local government and local service district as well as provisions for monitoring and performance review. Specifies that watercraft check stations operating under these agreements are subject to all current check station laws. (12/3/24).