

**SB 479 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture to adopt rules allowing donation of meat to charitable organizations and other organizations that offer food for noncommercial purposes. Provides that the meat must be processed: by a person licensed to slaughter meat animals subject to federal meat inspection; under a federally approved program of state inspection for meat products processing and sale; or at a custom processing or slaughtering establishment.

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

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon law allows game meat - such as antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, moose, and mountain goat - to be donated to, and served by, charitable organizations as food. Charitable organizations are limited to the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Youth Authority, Department of Corrections institutions, low-income nutritional centers, public school nutritional centers, senior nutritional centers, state hospitals, and other charitable organizations or public institutions approved by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Senate Bill 479 would direct the Oregon Department of Agriculture to adopt rules allowing donation of meat to charitable organizations and other organizations that offer food for noncommercial purposes.