

HB 2907 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$10 million to the Oregon Department of Agriculture to fund a grant program related to establishments that process and sell meat products under the state meat inspection program. Extends grant program sunset from June 1, 2023 to June 1, 2025. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Meat Inspection Act requires all amenable species (cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, and other equines) to be slaughtered and processed at a federally inspected facility, with certain exceptions for state inspection facilities and custom slaughtering. At these federally inspected facilities, inspectors from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA FSIS) check the health and physical integrity of each animal at the time of slaughter. Oregon has 13 USDA inspected facilities located throughout the state. In addition, Oregon established a state meat inspection program with the passage of House Bill 4206 (2020, First Special Session), and established a grant program to fund the construction, upgrading of, or expansion of establishments to operate under the state program (House Bill 2785, 2021). Oregon also has 16 stationary custom-exempt slaughter and processing facilities where livestock for the exclusive use of the owners of the livestock can be slaughtered. Meat slaughtered at these facilities cannot be sold, traded, bartered or given away.

House Bill 2907 would appropriate \$10 million to fund a grant program related to establishments that process and sell meat products under the state meat inspection program.