

House Bill 2689

Sponsored by Representative OWENS, Senator FINDLEY; Representative SCHARF (at the request of Nick Myatt)
(Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Provides licensing exemption for person slaughtering not more than 1,000 rabbits for use as human food.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to small-scale meat animal processing; amending ORS 215.255 and 603.038.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 603.038 is amended to read:

5 603.038. (1) As used in this section[,]:

6 (a) "Poultry" means live or dead chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, guinea fowl or other
7 domesticated birds.

8 (b) "**Rabbit**" means a live or dead member of a species in the Leporidae family.

9 (2) ORS 603.025 and 616.706 do not apply to a person that complies with this subsection:

10 (a) During the calendar year, the person may slaughter not more than 1,000 poultry **or rabbits**
11 for use as human food. The person may slaughter and process only poultry **or rabbits** that have
12 been raised since two weeks of age by the person and that are free from disease. The person may
13 not slaughter, process or sell poultry [*or*], poultry products, **rabbits or rabbit products** except
14 poultry **or rabbits** described in this subsection and poultry eggs.

15 (b) The person must slaughter the poultry **or rabbits** at the business premises of the person in
16 an establishment that meets the requirements in ORS 619.026 and any State Department of Agri-
17 culture rules adopted under ORS 619.046. The person may not allow other persons to use the es-
18 tablishment.

19 (c) The person must comply with any federal limitations or prohibitions on introducing the
20 poultry [*or*], **poultry** products, [*produced from the poultry*] **rabbits or rabbit products** into inter-
21 state commerce.

22 (d) A person that claims exemption from ORS 603.025 and 616.706 under this section must
23 maintain slaughtering, sales, sanitation and other records pertaining to the poultry **or rabbits** as
24 required by the department. The person shall allow the department to inspect the records and the
25 slaughtering establishment upon request and as provided under ORS 576.024 and 619.036.

26 (3) The exemption described in this section is in addition to any exemption that a person may
27 claim under ORS 603.034 (4) for the slaughtering and processing of poultry **or rabbits** for personal
28 use.

29 **SECTION 2.** ORS 215.255 is amended to read:

30 215.255. (1) As used in this section:

31 (a) "Biofuel" has the meaning given that term in ORS 315.141.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (b) “Facility for the processing of farm products” means a facility for:
2 (A) Processing farm crops, including the production of biofuel, if at least one-quarter of the farm
3 crops come from the farm operation containing the facility; or
4 (B) Slaughtering, processing or selling poultry [*or*], poultry products, **rabbits or rabbit pro-**
5 **ducts** from the farm operation containing the facility and consistent with the licensing exemption
6 for a person under ORS 603.038 (2).
7 (c) “Processing area” means the floor area of a building dedicated to farm product processing.
8 “Processing area” does not include the floor area designated for preparation, storage or other farm
9 use.
10 (2) A county may allow a facility for the processing of farm products as a permitted use under
11 ORS 215.213 (1)(u) and ORS 215.283 (1)(r) on land zoned for exclusive farm use, only if the facility:
12 (a) Uses less than 10,000 square feet for its processing area and complies with all applicable
13 siting standards; or
14 (b) Notwithstanding any applicable siting standard, uses less than 2,500 square feet for its pro-
15 cessing area.
16 (3) A county may not apply siting standards in a manner that prohibits the siting of a facility
17 for the processing of farm products under subsection (2)(a) of this section.
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