House Bill 3247
Sponsored by Representative HELM; Representatives GOMBERG, HUDSON, LIVELY, Senators DEMBROW, FREDERICK, GORSEK

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.

Appropriates moneys to Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for allocation to Oregon State University through Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, for specified purposes related to zoonotic disease.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to zoonotic disease; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for allocation to Oregon State University through the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $_______, which may be expended for the following purposes related to monitoring, preventing and responding to zoonotic disease:
(1) $______ for personnel to address public health needs.
(2) $500,000 for equipment.
(3) $500,000 to establish a chronic wasting disease testing program, in consultation with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.
(4) $900,000 for a feasibility study and the design of a new veterinary diagnostic lab.

SECTION 2. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.