

HB 3680 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure renames brand recording fees to conflict research fees and increases minimum and maximum limits the Oregon Department of Agriculture is authorized to charge for certain fees related to livestock brands.

Detailed Summary

Renames the 'brand recording fees' to 'conflict research fees' and raises the minimum and maximum limits that the Oregon Department of Agriculture can charge for specific fees associated with livestock branding, as outlined below:

- Activation fee: Increases maximum fee from \$100 to \$200
- Brand renewal fee to be paid every four years for livestock species other than sheep: Increases maximum fee from \$100 to \$200
- Brand inspection fee: Increases minimum fee from \$1 to \$1.35 and maximum fee from \$1.35 to \$1.75 per head of cattle and from \$2 to \$2.50 per hide.

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:

Cattle inspections (also called ownership inspections or brand inspections) are required for cattle, whether or not they are branded, to verify ownership before shipment out of state, sale at auction, slaughter or when a change of ownership occurs. Brand inspections are administered by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) under the Brand Inspection Program and consist of ODA's examination of brands, tags, breed, flesh marks, coloring, sex, age, or other distinguishing characteristics of livestock, as well as documents and other evidence of ownership. While branding is not mandatory in Oregon, if livestock owners elect to brand their cattle or horses, the brand must be registered with ODA.