

HB 4152 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

Carrier: Rep. Smith DB

Action Date: 02/12/20

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Boshart Davis, Clem, Helm, McLain, Post, Smith DB, Williams

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/5, 2/10, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to establish a program for state inspection of the processing and sale of meat products from amenable and nonamenable species by rule. Requires ODA to inspect meat products and license establishments under the program. Authorizes ODA to establish license requirements and fee schedule. Requires that the rules adopted must impose requirements that are at least equal to the requirements under the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the federal Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act. Authorizes ODA to administer a program for inspection of amenable species only if it has received full federal approval of the program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Examples of amendable and nonamenable species
- Challenges accessing meat processing services
- Current cost of processing meat

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) was passed by Congress in 1906; it prohibited the sale of contaminated or misbranded meat and meat products, and ensured that livestock were slaughtered and processed in sanitary conditions. FMIA directed the U.S. Department of Agriculture to inspect all livestock before and after slaughtering and processing if the meat was intended for human consumption. FMIA was amended by the Wholesome Meat Act of 1967, which required states to have inspection programs “at least equal to” the federal inspection program. Amenable species are defined by the United States Department of Agriculture as including cattle, sheep, swine or goats. Nonamenable species is a broader category that under House Bill 4152-A would need to be defined by rule by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA).

House Bill 4152-A would authorize ODA to adopt rules to establish a program for state inspection of the processing and sale of meat products.