

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2786 - 1

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Directs State Department of Agriculture to study barriers to family-scale meat production and ways to promote family-scale meat production, and recommend legislative or regulatory avenues to remove identified barriers and promote family-scale meat production.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund	\$160,000	\$0
Total Funds	\$160,000	\$0

Analysis:

HB 2786 with the -1 amendment appropriates \$50,000 General Fund to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) for the 201-23 biennium to conduct two studies:

1. A study on barriers to family-scale meat production and ways to promote family-scale meat production.
2. A study on barriers for family-scale meat producers pertaining to slaughter waste disposal systems, the composting of slaughter waste and the disposal of dead livestock, including barriers arising from laws and rules.

The measure directs ODA to recommend legislative or regulatory avenues to promote family-scale meat production as well as to remove barriers identified in the two studies, facilitate disposal of dead livestock by family-scale meat producers and promote access to rendering facilities by family scale meat producers. ODA is directed to submit reports on these two studies to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022.

ODA estimates that the cost to complete both these studies to be \$160,000 General Fund, which includes contracting with a third-party for the studies, and compiling research for the legislative reports. ODA notes that the term “family-scale meat production” is not defined in this measure but is assumed to mean family-owned farms. If this measure is meant to apply to a different area of meat production, that could change the fiscal impact of this measure.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the estimated fiscal impact to ODA does not align with the General Fund appropriations provided.