

HB 2786 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/4, 3/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to study barriers to and methods to promote family-scale meat production. Directs ODA to recommend legislative or regulatory avenues to remove identified barriers and promote family-scale meat production; and submit a report concerning study and recommendations to a committee of Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022. Appropriates General Fund moneys to ODA. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Deletes provision appropriating ___ funds to Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). Adds direction to ODA to study barriers for family-scale meat producers pertaining to slaughter waste disposal systems, composting of slaughter waste and disposal of dead livestock, including barriers arising from laws and rules. Directs ODA to recommend legislative or regulatory avenues to remove barriers for family-scale meat producers to dispose dead livestock and to promote access to rendering facilities. Requires ODA to submit a report on the study and recommendations to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022. Appropriates \$50,000 General Fund moneys to ODA for this work.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

BACKGROUND:

The disruptions in availability and the rising prices of meat, particularly due to the coronavirus pandemic, has increased interest among people to raise their own meat animals at home for consumption and/or small-scale business.

House Bill 2786 would direct Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to study barriers to, and methods to promote, family-scale meat production; to recommend legislative or regulatory avenues to remove identified barriers and promote family-scale meat production; and to submit a report on the study and recommendations to a committee of the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022. House Bill 2786 would also appropriate General Fund moneys to ODA for this work.