

SB 32 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

SB 32 modifies fees charged by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) related to livestock branding and feedlot licensing. Under this measure, the caps for brand renewal fees for sheep, brand transfer fees, and brand service fees are all increased. This measure also changes the allowable fee range for brand inspections for cattle, from between \$0.85 to \$1 per head of cattle, to between \$1 and \$1.35 per head of cattle. Finally, this measure changes the annual licensed feedlot fee from \$100, to a cap of not more than \$100.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

While livestock brands are not mandatory in Oregon, the Department of Agriculture (ODA) encourages owners to brand their livestock as a primary proof of ownership, a deterrent to theft, and to help inspectors trace missing and stolen livestock. Livestock brands must be registered with the ODA. An annual feedlot license is required for a beef cattle feedlot that has more than 500 head of cattle being fed for slaughter at any one time during a calendar year. Senate Bill 32 A would change the fee or fee cap for various fees related to livestock branding and feedlot licensing.