

SB 32 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Action Date: 02/24/21

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Golden, Kennemer, Patterson, Prozanski

Nays: 1 - Heard

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/8, 2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases annual brand renewal fee cap for sheep from \$40 to \$50. Changes \$25 fee to transfer a recorded brand to a \$50 cap on such fee. Increases cap for service fee for brand inspection from \$25 to \$35. Increases brand inspection fee on cattle and cattle hides for which a brand inspection certificate is valid for eight days from not less than 85 cents to \$1 and not more than \$1 to \$1.35. Changes fee for application or renewal of feedlot license from \$100 to a fee cap of \$100. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purpose and benefits of livestock branding program
- Concerns about proposed caps

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Restores current fee level caps for brand recording fee; brand activation fee; brand renewal fee, except for sheep; and changes maximum per head of cattle inspection fee to \$1.35. Adds emergency clause.

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.