

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2785

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

2 “Whereas Oregon’s already acute lack of meat processing capacity has been severely strained  
3 during the COVID-19 pandemic, as industrial meat processing facilities around the country were  
4 closed due to virus outbreaks and out-of-state producers sent animals to the Pacific Northwest for  
5 processing, reducing much needed processing capacity for Oregon’s farmers and ranchers; and

6 “Whereas increased demand for local meat during the COVID-19 pandemic further taxed an al-  
7 ready burdened meat processing system; and

8 “Whereas breakdowns in the industrial food system during the COVID-19 pandemic have high-  
9 lighted the need for long-term investment in Oregon’s regional food infrastructure, including in-  
10 vestment in increased meat processing capacity; now, therefore,”.

11 Delete lines 4 through 15 and insert:

12 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Agriculture shall establish by rule a grant  
13 program for the purpose of funding:**

14 **“(a) Upgrades to establishments that are expected to operate under a program of state  
15 inspection authorized by section 2, chapter 6, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);**

16 **“(b) Construction of new establishments that are expected to operate under a program  
17 of state inspection authorized by section 2, chapter 6, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special ses-  
18 sion); and**

19 **“(c) Expansion of establishments that operate under a program of federal inspection and  
20 plan to increase processing of meat from animals raised in Oregon.**

21 **“(2) In administering the program, the department:**

22 **“(a) Shall develop criteria for awarding a grant and a process for applying for a grant;**

23 **“(b) Shall preferentially award grants to support establishments that prioritize seasonally  
24 feasible processing of meat from animals raised in Oregon; and**

25 **“(c) May require a recipient of a grant to report to the department on the use of grant  
26 funds.**

27 **“(3) A recipient of a grant may use grant funds for costs related to the activities de-  
28 scribed in subsection (1) of this section, such as costs of technical assistance and the pur-  
29 chase of equipment.**

30 **“SECTION 2. (1) There is appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture, out of the  
31 General Fund, the amount of \$9,700,000 for the purpose specified in section 1 of this 2021 Act.  
32 The appropriation is available continuously until the earlier of the date on which the amount  
33 is expended for the purpose specified in section 1 of this 2021 Act or January 1, 2027.**

34 **“(2) There is appropriated to Oregon State University, for the biennium beginning July  
35 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of funding upgrades**

1 to facilities and equipment at the Clark Meat Science Center that are consistent with in-  
2 spection requirements.”

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