

HB 2785-3  
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Requested by Representative SMITH DB

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2785**

1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

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

8 “Whereas increased demand for local meat during the COVID-19 pandemic  
9 further taxed an already burdened meat processing system; and

10 “Whereas breakdowns in the industrial food system during the COVID-19  
11 pandemic have highlighted the need for long-term investment in Oregon’s  
12 regional food infrastructure, including investment in increased meat pro-  
13 cessing capacity; now, therefore,”.

14 Delete lines 4 through 15 and insert:

15 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Agriculture shall estab-**  
16 **lish by rule a grant program for the purpose of funding:**

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

20 **“(b) Construction of new establishments that are expected to oper-**  
21 **ate under a program of state inspection authorized by section 2,**

1 chapter 6, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session); and

2 “(c) Expansion of establishments that operate under a program of  
3 federal inspection and plan to increase processing of meat from ani-  
4 mals raised in Oregon.

5 “(2) In administering the program, the department:

6 “(a) Shall develop criteria for awarding a grant and a process for  
7 applying for a grant;

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

11 “(c) May require a recipient of a grant to report to the department  
12 on the use of grant funds.

13 “(3) A recipient of a grant may use grant funds for costs related to  
14 the activities described in subsection (1) of this section, such as costs  
15 of technical assistance and the purchase of equipment.

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

22 “(2) There is appropriated to Oregon State University, for the  
23 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount  
24 of \$300,000 for the purpose of funding upgrades to facilities and equip-  
25 ment at the Clark Meat Science Center that are consistent with in-  
26 spection requirements.”.

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