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Measure Description:

Requires State Department of Agriculture to study potential uses for animal processing waste products.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Quality

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2193 directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), to study the potential uses for animal processing waste products, including hides. ODA is to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture no later than September 15, 2024. The measure takes effect January 1, 2024 and sunsets January 2, 2025.

ODA estimates a fiscal impact of \$85,000 General Fund to conduct the study. Of this amount, ODA anticipates that \$75,000 would be used to contract for collection of data and outreach to animal producers and processers; and an additional estimated \$10,000 would be used to finalize and issue the report to the Legislature. ODA has not contracted for this type of work before and the amount provided is the agency's best estimate given the information available. The agency notes that the study directed involves multiple disciplines and some marketing or economic analysis. Costs could vary from the estimate provided by ODA given the unique subject matter.

DEQ anticipates a minimal fiscal impact.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.