

**HB 2689 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Owens

**House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water**

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**Action Date:** 01/31/23

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 7-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Gamba, Hartman, Helm, Levy B, McLain, Owens, Scharf

**Exc:** 1 - Marsh

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/19, 1/31

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Provides licensing exemptions for person slaughtering not more than 1,000 rabbits for use as human food. States conditions under which exemptions apply.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Facility requirements
- Cost of building slaughtering facilities
- Slaughtering regulations for goats

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In general, slaughter or processing facilities are required to be licensed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Since 2011, ORS 215.255 and ORS 603.038 provide licensing exemptions under certain conditions for slaughtering operations that process no more than 1,000 poultry per calendar year.

House Bill 2689 would extend licensing exemptions for small scale slaughtering operations to include rabbits intended for use as human food.