

**HB 2194 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

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

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**Action Date:** 02/28/23

**Action:** Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 6-0-3-0

**Yeas:** 6 - Boice, Helm, Levy B, McLain, Owens, Scharf

**Exc:** 3 - Gamba, Hartman, Marsh

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/31, 2/28

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates \$4 million General Fund moneys to the Oregon Department of Agriculture to develop a grant program to fund the construction of meat rendering plants. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Intent for the department to study regulatory processes related to building rendering facilities in Oregon
- Potential uses for animal waste products
- Process for composting meat rendering by-product

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Meat rendering plants process animal by-product materials for the production of high-protein meat, tallow, grease, hide, and bone meal. They process edible and inedible materials and can operate in conjunction with animal slaughterhouses or collect their raw materials from offsite sources. While there are 13 large meat processors in the state, there are currently no meat rendering plants in Oregon.

House Bill 2194 would appropriate \$4 million General Fund moneys to the Oregon Department of Agriculture to develop a grant program to fund the construction of meat rendering plants.