

**HB 2689 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Findley

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 04/12/23

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Girod, Golden, Prozanski, Smith DB

**Nays:** 1 - Taylor

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/5, 4/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Provides licensing exemptions for a person slaughtering not more than 1,000 rabbits for use as human food. States conditions under which exemptions apply that align with existing exemptions for poultry.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current small-scale poultry slaughtering operations
- Health inspection requirements
- Requirement to purchase raw meat at the farm
- Process used for rabbit slaughter
- Protections for humane slaughter of rabbits

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Most food establishments that slaughter, process, or sell raw meat are required to be licensed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). In 2011, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2872, which exempted small-scale poultry slaughtering operations from ODA licensing requirements. The operations are limited to slaughtering no more than 1,000 poultry per calendar year for human consumption, and the poultry are required to be free from disease, raised by the person from two weeks of age, and slaughtered in a facility owned by the person and that meets other state requirements.

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