

**HB 2164 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

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

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure appropriates money from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to hire up to two full-time staff members for Oregon’s inspection program for the processing and sale of meat products. It requires ODA to ensure that new staff members prioritize slaughter-specific facilities, facilities in rural and underserved communities, and new state-sponsored facilities in an equitable manner across Oregon. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on its passage.

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Meat Inspection Act requires that all meat sold commercially must come from a federally inspected facility 13 of which exist in Oregon. In July 2022, the Oregon Department of Agriculture entered into a cooperative agreement with the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service to implement a State Meat Inspection Program which allows for the inspection of meat and meat products processed and produced for shipment within the state.