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Bill Title: Relating to a program of state inspection by the State Department of Agriculture; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Agriculture

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Agriculture	\$ 274,745	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194,745	\$ 469,490	2	1.75
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 274,745	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194,745	\$ 469,490	2	1.75

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Agriculture	\$ 218,405	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218,405	\$ 436,810	2	2.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 218,405	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218,405	\$ 436,810	2	2.00

Measure Description

The Department of Agriculture (ODA) is directed to hire up to two full-time staff members for the state inspection program authorized under ORS 619.042. The department is required to ensure that these staff members operate equitably across the state, prioritizing slaughter-specific facilities, facilities in rural and underserved communities, and facilities that have received funding under the Oregon Meat Processing Infrastructure and Capacity Building Grant Program. The measure provides an unspecified appropriation from the General Fund for these positions in the 2025-27 biennium.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated at \$274,745 General Fund and \$194,745 Federal Funds in the 2025-27 biennium and \$218,405 General Fund and \$218,405 Federal Funds in the 2027-29 biennium. The measure funds two permanent full-time Compliance Specialist 1 positions (1.75 FTE in 2025-27 biennium, 2.00 FTE in 2027-29 biennium) to support the state inspection program for the processing and sale of meat products from amenable species. These positions are expected to start on October 1, 2025.

Service and supplies costs are estimated at \$29,125 General Fund and \$29,125 Federal Funds per biennium. For both the 2025-27 and 2027-29 biennia the estimated amounts include an additional \$15,000 total funds for extensive statewide travel, particularly to rural and underserved communities. Additionally, \$10,000 total funds are allocated per biennium for federally required continuing education training to maintain USDA compliance.

The Compliance Specialist 1 positions are anticipated to be funded with 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Funds. ODA receives federal reimbursement from the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) under a cooperative agreement, which allows for up to 50% reimbursement of state program costs.

The measure includes a one-time expenditure of \$80,000 in the 2025-27 biennium for the purchase of two sport utility vehicles to support statewide inspections. As FSIS does not reimburse vehicle costs, this expenditure will be covered entirely by the General Fund appropriation.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.