HB 2167 -1   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates $10 million from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (commission) for distribution to the Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University (OSU) to support veterinary education programs and the college's Lois Bates Acheson Veterinary Teaching Hospital. It further appropriates $3.5 million from the General Fund to the commission for distribution to OSU's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to support faculty and personnels working on chronic wasting disease and zoonotic diseases. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

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:

-1 The amendment removes the appropriation for the Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University.

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BACKGROUND:

A zoonotic disease refers to an infectious disease caused by a pathogen that has jumped from a non-human animal to a human. Zoonotic diseases can be transmitted to humans in a variety of ways and may represent a major public health problem. Examples include rabies, lyme disease, and bird flu. Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is an infectious disease affecting deer, elk, and moose across North America which is spread through direct body contact or contact with infectious material and results in gradual loss of body fat and muscle mass. Although the zoonotic potential of CWD is considered low, identification of multiple CWD strains and the potential for agent evolution upon serial passage hinders a definitive conclusion.