

HB 3871 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the Animal Welfare Trust to provide grants to entities that provide veterinary support services in low-income households or underserved communities.

Detailed Summary

- Establishes the **Animal Welfare Trust** (Trust) to pursue public and private grants, raise funds from private sources, and to provide grants to the following entities that **provide veterinary support services** related to animals in **low-income households** or **underserved communities**:
 - Agencies
 - Animal rescue entities
 - Community service providers
 - Veterinary clinics
- Establishes membership, quorum, voting, meeting, and staffing requirements, appointment timelines, and reimbursement procedures.
- Establishes the Animal Welfare Fund in the State Treasury consisting of grants, donations, contributions or gifts, legislatively appropriated moneys, interest, and other moneys deposited in the fund from any source.
- Authorizes reimbursement to State Treasurer, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and other agencies for administration costs, not to exceed five percent of total moneys deposited in Fund per biennium.
- Requires the Trust to submit a progress report to the Legislative Assembly by March 31 of even-numbered years and specifies the first report to be submitted by March 31, 2028.

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 Trust's authorization to reimburse the State Treasurer for administrative costs.

BACKGROUND:

Veterinary support services can encompass a range of essential care, including spaying and neutering, vaccinations, and emergency veterinary treatments. Oregon does not have a state-administered program dedicated to assisting low-income households with access to these services.