

HB 2557 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits, a person from raising or selling octopus for the purpose of human consumption and specifies that this prohibition does not apply to octopus raised for the purpose of facilitating the keeping of octopus as pets, or laboratory research. Violations are subject to civil penalties as set by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, up to \$6,500.

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:

Octopus refer to eight-armed cephalopod mollusks of the order Octopoda. The order consists of ~300 species and does not include squids, cuttlefish, and nautiloids. A ban prohibiting the farming of octopus for human consumption was recently enacted in Washington ([House Bill 1152](#), 2024) and California ([Assembly Bill 3162](#), 2024). There are currently no octopus farming operations in Oregon.