

SB 809 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure includes poultry in in the State Meat Inspection Program, and requires the Oregon Department of Agriculture to, through rulemaking, impose inspection requirements that are at least equal to federal requirements under the Poultry Products Inspection Act.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes 29; Nays 1; Excused 0

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State Meat Inspection Program allows businesses that operate and sell animal products regulated under food safety laws to sell state-inspected meat products within Oregon without relying on federally inspected plants to process their products, as long as the Department of Agriculture (ODA) has full federal approval for the program. The program currently covers the slaughter and processing of cattle, swine, sheep, goats, and other exotic species defined in Oregon Revised Statutes ORS 619.042. The slaughter and processing of poultry are not currently covered under the State Meat Inspection Program.