

SB 1019 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 5/22, 5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure revises Oregon’s livestock brand registration and inspection program.

Detailed Summary:

Renames the “brand recording” fee to the “brand conflict research fee” and increases brand activation and renewal fees to \$200, effective August 1, 2025. Raises the brand inspection fee from \$1.35 to \$1.75 per head. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to contract for brand inspection services and implement a self-inspection program for livestock owners starting January 1, 2026. Establishes eligibility requirements for self-inspection program and criteria for ODA to revoke eligibility privileges. Authorizes ODA to adopt rules and establish fees for participation in program. Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study the brand registration and inspection program and report findings to an interim legislative committee related to agriculture and natural resources by October 31, 2025. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The fiscal impact of the measure.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The proposed amendment changes the due date of the study and report from October 31, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Agriculture (ODA) administers a Brand Inspection (also known as ownership inspection or livestock identification) Program that is required for cattle, whether or not they are branded, to verify ownership in specific instances, such as when there is a change of ownership; before shipment out of state, sale at auction, or slaughter; and for annual cattle inspection. Brand inspection consists of ODA’s examination of brands, tags, breed, flesh marks, coloring, sex, age, or other distinguishing characteristics of livestock, as well as documents and other evidence of ownership that ultimately results in the issuance or refusal to issue a brand inspection certificate. If livestock owners elect to brand their cattle or horses, the brand must be registered with ODA. Brand inspection fees are currently paid to ODA.