

HB 2164 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

Action Date: 02/03/25

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Boice, Hartman, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, McDonald, McLain, Owens, Scharf

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/22, 2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates money from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to hire up to two full-time staff members for Oregon’s inspection program for the processing and sale of meat products. It requires ODA to ensure that new staff members prioritize slaughter-specific facilities, facilities in rural and underserved communities, and new state-sponsored facilities in an equitable manner across Oregon. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on its passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Meat Inspection Act requires that all meat sold commercially must come from a federally inspected facility; there are 13 existing facilities in Oregon. In July 2022, the Oregon Department of Agriculture entered into a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service to implement a State Meat Inspection Program, which allows for the inspection of meat and meat products processed and produced for shipment within the state.