

**SB 809 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Nash

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire**

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**Action Date:** 03/04/25

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Girod, Golden, Nash, Prozanski, Taylor

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/18, 3/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure adds poultry to list of animals that are amenable species covered under the State Meat Inspection Program and requires that the program must also impose rules equal to federal regulations for inspecting poultry products.

Detailed Summary:

Clarifies that poultry will be included in the Department of Agriculture’s State Meat Inspection Program. Requires that the program must enforce inspection standards that are at least as stringent as those established under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601-695), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451-472), and the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901-1907).

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Poultry Inspection included in State Meat Inspection programs of 22 other states
- Bird flu
- Defining poultry as meat

**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.