

## HB 3871 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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**Action Date:** 04/02/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.  
(Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 8-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Boice, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, McDonald, McLain, Owens, Scharf

**Exc:** 1 - Hartman

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/17, 4/2

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the Animal Welfare Trust to provide grants to entities that provide veterinary support services in low-income households or underserved communities.

#### Detailed Summary

- Establishes the **Animal Welfare Trust** (Trust) to pursue public and private grants, raise funds from private sources, and to provide grants to the following entities that **provide veterinary support services** related to animals in **low-income households** or **underserved communities**:
  - Agencies
  - Animal rescue entities
  - Community service providers
  - Veterinary clinics
- Establishes membership, quorum, voting, meeting, and staffing requirements, appointment timelines, and reimbursement procedures.
- Establishes the Animal Welfare Fund in the State Treasury consisting of grants, donations, contributions or gifts, legislatively appropriated moneys, interest, and other moneys deposited in the fund from any source.
- Authorizes reimbursement to the Oregon Department of Agriculture and other agencies for administration costs, not to exceed five percent of total moneys deposited in Fund per biennium.
- Requires the Trust to submit a progress report to the Legislative Assembly by March 31 of even-numbered years and specifies the first report to be submitted by March 31, 2028.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for the program to be a state sanctioned trust instead of a non-profit organization
- Process of developing a state license plate program
- Fiscal impact of the measure

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment removes the Trust's authorization to reimburse the State Treasurer for administrative costs.

#### BACKGROUND:

Veterinary support services can encompass a range of essential care, including spaying and neutering, vaccinations, and emergency veterinary treatments. Oregon does not have a state-administered program dedicated to assisting low-income households with access to these services.