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**Bill Title:** Relating to brands; declaring an emergency.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Department of Justice, Judicial Department, Department of Corrections, Counties, Criminal Justice Commission, Oregon Youth Authority, Cities, Legislative Policy and Research Office, District Attorneys, Department of Agriculture, Public Defense Commission

### Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - see explanatory analysis.

### Summary of Revenue Impact

Agency -- Fund Type	2025-27 Biennium	2027-29 Biennium
Department of Agriculture -- Other Funds	\$ 1,445,000	\$ 1,445,000
<b>Total Revenue Impact</b>	<b>\$ 1,445,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,445,000</b>

### Measure Description

The measure modifies the livestock brand inspection program administered by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). The measure also increases the maximum fee for brand activation and renewal from \$100 to \$200 per brand and increases the brand inspection fee for cattle from \$1.35 to \$1.75 per head.

ODA is authorized to contract with qualified individuals to perform brand inspections on its behalf. The Department must set fees at levels sufficient to fully recover the costs of developing, administering, and enforcing these contracts. The measure also allows ODA to establish a self-inspection program for eligible livestock owners, subject to oversight and rulemaking, with fees set to recover related administrative and enforcement costs.

The measure directs the Legislative Policy and Research Director to study the structure, funding, and effectiveness of the brand inspection program and report findings to the Legislature by December 31, 2025.

### Fiscal Analysis

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal.

### Department of Agriculture

Raising the per-head inspection fee for cattle and increasing the brand activation and renewal fee are projected to generate approximately \$1.45 million in Other Funds revenue in both the 2025-27 and 2027-29 biennia, based on current inspection and renewal volumes.

To establish and implement the self-inspection and contracting authorities, ODA will conduct legal work, rulemaking, stakeholder engagement, and training. This work will be done using existing resources.

Legislative Policy and Research Office

The Legislative Policy and Research Director is directed to conduct a study of ODA's brand inspection program, including a comparative analysis of similar programs in other states. The study is expected to be completed using existing staff resources. The Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) does not typically perform formal program evaluations, so the analysis of program effectiveness may be limited. The study is to be completed by December 31, 2025.

Other entities

The measure is anticipated to have no impact on the Department of Corrections, Criminal Justice Commission, Oregon Youth Authority, Public Defense Commission, Cities, Counties, and District Attorneys.

The measure is anticipated to have minimal impact on the Department of Justice and Oregon Judicial Department.

**Relevant Dates**

Fee increases under this measure are operative on August 1, 2025.

LPRO is to submit a report the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture and natural resources by December 31, 2025.

Contracting authority and the self-inspection program are operative on January 1, 2026.

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.