

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2167

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Including House Amendments dated March 18

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act gives money to HECC to give to OSU for veterinary programs. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Oregon State University for *[veterinary programs]* **the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.**

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to state financial administration; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas Oregon's agriculture is a significant economic sector producing 13 percent of the
4 state's gross domestic product; and

5 Whereas zoonotic diseases are a persistent and growing public health threat; and

6 Whereas diseases and pathogens threaten Oregon's wildlife and can impact recreation opportu-
7 nities; and

8 Whereas Oregon State University houses the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, the
9 state's only laboratory providing a full range of animal disease diagnostic services, which works
10 closely with local, state and federal agencies to support public health and agricultural biosecurity
11 through diagnostic testing and surveillance of zoonotic and foreign animal diseases; now, therefore,

12 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

13 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
14 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**
15 **2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$3,500,000 for distribution to the Oregon**
16 **Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Oregon State University to be used to support faculty**
17 **and personnel working on zoonotic diseases and chronic wasting disease.**

18 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
19 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
20 **on July 1, 2025.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.