

# House Bill 2167

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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 **as introduced**. 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.

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 has six locations federally identified as suffering a shortage of veterinary  
4 medical doctors; and

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

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

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

10 Whereas the Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University is the only  
11 accredited veterinary college in Oregon, with a mission to advance the health of animals, people and  
12 the environment through inclusive and equitable education, research and services to the public; and

13 Whereas the college's Lois Bates Acheson Veterinary Teaching Hospital develops industry-  
14 leading professionals through research and the practice of evidence-based medicine; and

15 Whereas the college also houses the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, the state's only  
16 laboratory providing a full range of animal disease diagnostic services, which works closely with  
17 local, state and federal agencies to support public health and agricultural biosecurity through diag-  
18 nostic testing and surveillance of zoonotic and foreign animal diseases; now, therefore,

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

20 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
21 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**  
22 **2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000 for distribution to the Carlson Col-**  
23 **lege of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University to be used to support veterinary ed-**  
24 **ucation programs and the college's Lois Bates Acheson Veterinary Teaching Hospital.**

25 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
26 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**  
27 **2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$3,500,000 for distribution to the Oregon**  
28 **Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Oregon State University to be used to support faculty**

**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.

1 and personnel working on zoonotic diseases and chronic wasting disease.

2 **SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
3 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect  
4 on July 1, 2025.

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