Senate Bill 363

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB (Presession filed.)

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 extends a grant program for places that process and sell meat products. The Act ends the grant program on January 2, 2028. The Act gives money for the grant program. (Flesch Readability Score: 77.0).

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the State Department of Agriculture to fund a grant program related to establishments that process and sell meat products.

Extends the grant program.

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Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to meat processing; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, for the purpose of funding the grant program related to establishments that operate under a program of state inspection, as described in ORS 619.042.
 - SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Agriculture shall establish by rule a grant program for the purpose of funding:
 - (a) Upgrades to establishments that are expected to operate under a program of state inspection authorized by ORS 619.042;
 - (b) Construction of new establishments that are expected to operate under a program of state inspection authorized by ORS 619.042; and
 - (c) Expansion of establishments that operate under a program of federal inspection and plan to increase processing of meat from animals raised in Oregon.
 - (2) In administering the program, the department:
 - (a) Shall develop criteria for awarding a grant and a process for applying for a grant;
 - (b) Shall preferentially award grants to support establishments that prioritize seasonally feasible processing of animals raised in Oregon; and
 - (c) May require a recipient of a grant to report to the department on the use of grant funds.
 - (3) A recipient of a grant may use grant funds for costs related to the activities described in subsection (1) of this section, such as costs of technical assistance and the purchase of equipment.
- 26 SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.
- SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect

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 **on July 1, 2025.**

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