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I am NEUTRAL on [HB 2164].

[HB 2164] attempts to address a much needed government action (which I support), to promote Oregon Meat products but I cannot support an "open-ended" budgetary request.

The USDA inspectors are needed but, USDA is underfunded and does not have a robust inspection program forcing Oregon taxpayers to shoulder a burden so local meat producers can flourish.

The issue of lower meat prices for Oregonians is illusory because each business will have their own specific price structures for the meat products they produce.

Furthermore, A "RESTRICTED USE FUND" should be created by the Legislature to address the need for a well-funded and staffed Meat Inspection Program relieving the uncertainties associated with GENERAL FUND allocations.

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