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In 2019 the Oregon Legislature passed a bill that prohibited the sale of caged eggs. SB 1019 (2019) stated "The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that the regulation of egg production and of the sale of eggs and egg products, as described in ORS 632.835 to 632.850, is necessary to protect the health and welfare of consumers, to promote food safety, to advance animal welfare and to protect this state against the negative fiscal impacts associated with a lack of effective regulation of egg production and sales of eggs and egg products."

The legislature was stating that there is a difference between "caged" and "cage-free" eggs. Both are chickens, both are laid by a chicken, and they are cooked the same. Differences on how chickens are grown impact the label of being caged or uncaged.

Here in SB 2677 (2026) you have manufactured-protein food. Beef and manufactured-protein beef are not the same. Beef comes from a cow which grow up on farms, the other comes from a lab.

If the legislature can't agree on labeling the product, then they should consider a moratorium on manufactured-protein foods.