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## **House Passes Bill to Help Small Poultry Producers**

*HB2872 would exempt those who produce fewer than 1,000 poultry per year from certain regulations*

SALEM – The House today passed a bill to help small poultry producers in Oregon. HB2872 would exempt those who produce fewer than 1,000 poultry per year from food establishment licensing requirements.

“This is part of the House Agriculture Committee’s 2011 agenda to reduce red tape and burdensome regulations for small agricultural businesses,” said Representative Brian Clem (D-Salem), Chair of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. “Our goal is to help families that operate these small businesses thrive.”

Small producers face financial difficulties as they attempt to establish slaughter facilities that fall within current regulations. While these guidelines make sense for large producers, they can inhibit the ability of small producers to operate.

“Some of the best food I’ve eaten comes from small producers,” said Representative Deborah Boone (D-Cannon Beach). “This bill helps these small businesses do what they do best – put quality food on the table. I’m proud to support it.”

HB 2872 now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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