

Secretary: Vote explanation. Sen Boquist.

“HB 4206 A establishes a meat processing inspection system in Oregon. Decades ago, Oregon entered into agreements to have the USDA inspect meat processing in Oregon. Due to consolidations, for a variety of bad and good reasons, the federal inspection program no longer supports smaller independent processors. While I oppose the dual system idea, we have little choice if we want food to eat in Oregon as the political pandemic expands coupled with the failing supply chain. However, the Governor under her unlimited emergency powers can block the inspection of meat anyway so this may be a mute bill. Voted Yes.”