



## Oregon Senate Fact-Finding Mission Application & Approval Form

This application will be used to review and officially approve fact-finding missions allowed under ORS 244.020(6)(b)(H)(i) and required to be reported under ORS 244.060(6) if the expense per member is estimated to exceed \$50. This application must be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate **no later than 14 days** before the start of the fact-finding mission, unless as determined by the Secretary good cause exists for submitting the application after the deadline. **To promote transparency, all approved applications and accompanying materials will be posted on the Secretary of the Senate's website.**

Description of Mission: Fact finding trip to learn about livestock production <sup>Proposed</sup> & animal antibiotics  
 Issues or Legislation Related to Mission: state specific animal antibiotic regulations  
 Location of Mission: Junction city (Lochmead Dairy) and Brownsville farm  
 Date(s) of Mission: May 10, 2016  
 Person/Entity Paying Expenses: Oregon Farm Bureau  
 Address of Person/Entity Paying Expenses: 1320 Capitol St. NE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97301

Invited Members (select one):

- All Senators     The following Senators: \_\_\_\_\_  
 All Senators on the Committee(s)/Task Force(s) on: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Invited:  Yes     No    Relatives/Household Members Invited:  Yes     No

Activities will be limited to a factual investigation or other educational purposes:  I agree.

The mission is not being conducted for campaign or partisan political purposes:  I agree.

**Please include the following required attachments with this application:**

1. Written opinion from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission concluding that the event is a permitted fact-finding mission under ORS 244.020(6)(b)(H)(i) and the rules of the commission.
2. Written itinerary or agenda for all scheduled meetings, events, presenters, meals, travel, lodging, or other activities planned during the mission.

**Within thirty (30) days after completion of the mission**, please submit the following required documents to the Secretary of the Senate, which will be posted on the Secretary's website:

1. An attendance sheet listing all Senators, staff, relatives, household members, lobbyists, and all others who participated in the mission.
2. The aggregate value of food, travel, and lodging expenses provided to each Senator, staff member, relative, and household member of the Senator. The aggregate value of expenses for each person shall be determined in the same manner as required by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission for disclosure on a Statement of Economic Interest under ORS 244.060(6).
3. Written confirmation that the mission was conducted substantially according to the itinerary or agenda submitted with the application and, if the mission varied materially from the submitted itinerary or agenda, a written account describing the material variations (i.e., any additional meetings, events, presenters, meals, travel, lodging).

Failure to submit this information within thirty (30) days after completion of the mission will result in an automatic denial of all future applications submitted by the Applicant signing below and the person or entity listed above as paying expenses.

**By signing below, I hereby declare that all information submitted at any time by me, or on my behalf, to the Oregon Senate in connection with this application and fact-finding mission is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4.20.16

Name of Applicant (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer Dresler / Oregon Farm Bureau

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1320 Capitol St. NE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97301

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

503-810-4174

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

jenny@oregonfb.org

All information above is required for the application to be considered.

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Based on the written conclusion of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission and the information submitted by the Applicant, under ORS 244.020(6)(b)(H)(i) this fact-finding mission is hereby:

Officially Sanctioned

Denied

[Signature]  
Secretary of the Senate

4/20/16  
Date

## Proposed agenda for Oregon Farm Bureau livestock tour:

10:30 AM – meet at Lochmead Dairy in Junction City and load the bus/ drive to sheep farm

11:00 AM – tour local sheep farm and processor near Brownsville (speaker is local farmer – TBD)

11:45 AM – load bus and drive back to Lochmead Dairy

12:15 PM – roundtable lunch discussion regarding current antibiotic regulation and FDA regulatory changes that are law in January 2017 (boxed lunches and a flat(s) of water will be provided for participants)

Invited roundtable participants include: Farm Bureau, dairy veterinarian, poultry veterinarian, poultry industry representative, NW Food Processors Association, Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Oregon Dairy Farmers Association representative, OSU extension expert, representatives from public health, and

1:30 PM – drive (bus) to local dairy farm

1:45 PM – tour family dairy farm that supplies Lochmead, discussion of family farm, animal welfare and milk testing

2:45 PM – board bus to drive back to cars

3:00 PM – wrap up tour



# Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

## Government Ethics Commission

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April 19, 2016

Oregon Farm Bureau  
C/o Jennifer Dresler  
1320 Capitol St. NE  
Suite 200  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Ms. Dresler:

This letter of advice is provided in response to your request received on April 12, 2016 which presented a question regarding the application of Oregon Government Ethics law may apply to public officials who may wish to participate in the Oregon Farm Bureau educational tour which is planned for May 10, 2016. This analysis and advice is being offered under the authority provided in ORS 244.284 as guidance on how the current provisions of Oregon Government Ethics law may apply to the specific circumstances you have presented.

Your letter states Oregon Farm Bureau is a 501(c) 5 not-for-profit wants to host an educational tour for public officials. The purpose of the tour is to educate and inform state government officials about livestock production and animal antibiotics used by Oregon producers. The tour will highlight two different farms and processing facilities to allow participants to interact directly with producers and livestock veterinarians regarding how antibiotics are used in conjunction with FDA regulations.

During this tour, Oregon Farm Bureau will provide and pay for meals and transportation. In the request you have asked what restrictions or requirements Oregon Government Ethics law may impose on public officials who wish to participate in this tour.

It is apparent that the Oregon Farm Bureau may have a legislative or administrative interest, as defined in ORS 244.020(10), which is an economic interest that is distinct from the economic interest held by members of the general public in matters subject to the decisions or votes by individual public officials who may participate in this planned event.



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C/o Jennifer Dresler  
April 19, 2016  
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Under most circumstances when a public official is offered food, beverage and travel at no cost to the public official, it would be a gift as defined in ORS 244.020(7)(a). ORS 244.020(7)(b) excludes several items from the statutory definition of "gift", including reasonable food, travel expenses provided to a public official when representing government. ORS 244.020(7)(b)(H) allows acceptance of the payment of reasonable expenses for food and travel for public officials, relatives, members of the household, or staff members of the public official accompanying the public official, when the public official is representing their government agency during an officially sanctioned trade-promotion or fact-finding mission. The Commission has adopted an administrative rule OAR 199-005-0020(3)(b) to provide clarification to the term "officially sanctioned" and a "fact finding mission or trip" OAR 199-005-0001(2).

Based on the information you provided it appears that ORS 244.020(7)(b)(H) would allow public officials to accept meals and transportation expenses to participate in the Oregon Farm Bureau tour, which appears to meet the definition of a fact-finding mission, as defined in OAR 199-005-0001(2).

The public officials who participate in the event and who must file an Annual Verified Statement of Economic Interest form with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission would be required to report the aggregate value of these paid expenses pursuant to ORS 244.060(6). Although it is not required that Oregon Farm Bureau, as the source of a gift, provide a detailed cost analysis of a gift, it would be a courtesy to the public officials who may wish to participate in this event to receive a statement with the aggregate value of expenses paid on their behalf for filing purposes.

If you have any additional questions regarding the application of Oregon Government Ethics law please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Ronald A. Bersin  
Executive Director

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\*\*\*\*\*DISCLAIMER\*\*\*\*\*

This staff advice is provided under the authority given in ORS 244.284(1). This opinion offers guidance on how Oregon Government Ethics law may apply to the specific facts described in your request. This opinion is based on my understanding and analysis of the specific circumstances you described and should not be applied to circumstances that differ from those discussed in this request.



April 12, 2016

Ron Bersin  
Executive Director  
Oregon Government Ethics Commission  
3218 Pringle Drive SE, Ste. 220,  
Salem, OR 97302

Dear Mr. Bersin,

Oregon Farm Bureau is a 501(c)5 nonprofit comprised of members representing Oregon's agricultural industry.

This letter serves as a request for a written opinion on a proposed educational tour that Oregon Farm Bureau is planning to do with its members on May 10, 2016. The objective of the tour is to educate and inform state government officials about livestock production and animal antibiotics use by Oregon producers. The tour will highlight a sheep grower and dairy by bringing participants onto farms and processing facilities. This allows participants to interact directly with producers and livestock veterinarians and learn how antibiotics are used in conjunction with FDA regulations.

Food and transportation will be provided and paid for by Oregon Farm Bureau. The food and beverages will include a box lunch and water provided throughout the afternoon. It is estimated that one commercial passenger bus will be used.

The estimated cost for each participant will be \$30. Since this is a fact finding event, elected officials and other public officials will attend at no cost.

A written response clarifying that this is a fact finding tour and that it meets the statutory requirements is sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Dresler". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white rectangular area.

Jennifer Dresler  
Director of State Public Policy  
Oregon Farm Bureau



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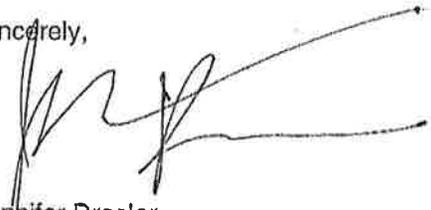
May 31, 2016

Ms. Lori Brocker  
Oregon Secretary of the Senate  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE, Room 233  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Ms. Brocker,

This letter is to confirm that the education tour organized by the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation (OFB) was conducted substantially according to the itinerary and agenda submitted with the application. The total cost was just over \$32 per participant and it was a fact finding event concerning animal antibiotic use in the dairy and sheep industries.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Dresler  
Director of State Public Policy  
Oregon Farm Bureau

<b>Oregon House of Representatives</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Abby Weekly Nicole Crane Representative Brad Witt Allan Van Vliet	Office of Rep. Andy Olson House Republican Office  Office of Rep. Ann Lininger

<b>Oregon Senate</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Lindsay Baker Senator Chris Edwards Rosie Shatkin Andrea Chiapella	Senate Majority Office  Office of Sen. Arnie Roblan Senate Minority Office

<b>Other Participants</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Richard TenEyck	Oregon Department of Agriculture
Sandy Thiele-Cirka	Committee Administrator for Senate Health Care & House Health Care
Troy Downing	OSU Extension Agent
Tami Kerr	ODFA
Greg Santrum	Willamette Egg
Bill Mattos	NW Chicken Council
Earl Aalseth PhD DVM	Lochmead veterinarian
Ali McIntyre	Tonkon Torp
Mark Wustenberg PhD	Tillamook Co. Creamery Association
Chris Gibson	Lochmead Dairy Farmer
Buzz Gibson	Lochmead Dairy Farmer
Reed Anderson	Anderson Ranches

<b>Lobbyists</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Tammy Dennee	ODFA Government Affairs
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