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Through Tension in the Capitol, Bipartisan Legislation Moves that will Help Coastal Communities, Ranchers and Insulin Dependent Oregonians

SALEM – Earlier today, three pieces of bipartisan legislation Chief Sponsored by Representative David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford) passed the Oregon House of Representatives.

HB 4119; which was Co-Chief Sponsored by Rep. Gomberg (D-Otis) and Sen. Roblan (D-Coos Bay), is relating to tsunami risk and imposes tsunami design standards for certain buildings and other structures while allowing local government to impose vertical evacuation standards for new or existing buildings and other structures as part of local tsunami evacuation plan. “I appreciate the support of my colleagues to set standards for the protection of our coastal residents without compromising local control,” said Rep. Brock Smith.

Link to Bill: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2020R1/Measures/Overview/HB4119>

HB 4152; which was Co-Chief Sponsored by Rep. Breese-Iverson (R- Prineville), Rep. Witt (D- Clatskanie) and Sen. Robaln (D-Coos Bay), is relating to meat and authorizes State Department of Agriculture to adopt rules establishing program of state inspection for processing and sale of meat products from amenable and nonamenable species, including but not limited to cattle and sheep. “With some of the best cattle and lamb in the state raised on the south coast, we’re one step closer to a statewide meat inspection program that will reduce the travel and costs for our ranchers and consumers,” said Rep. Brock Smith. “I’m proud of this piece of legislation and look forward to the next steps for our rural producers.”

Link to Bill: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2020R1/Measures/Overview/HB4152>

HB 4073; which was Co-Chief Sponsored by Rep Schouten (D-Beaverton) and Sen. Manning (D- Eugene) is relating to the cost of insulin and limits cost-sharing for health benefit plan coverage of insulin prescribed for treatment of diabetes. “I am proud to join my colleagues in support of limiting the cost of insulin for our residents,” said Rep. Brock Smith. “This is not the first time I have sponsored legislation to push back on the cost of medication and I will continue to fight for lowering the costs of prescriptions for our residents.”

Link to Bill: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2020R1/Measures/Overview/HB4073>

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