SB 57 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Prepared By: Laura Kentnesse, LPRO Analyst
Meeting Dates: 3/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes the prohibitions against the sale, offer for sale, importation, or maintenance or control for breeding of female cattle of a beef breed that have not been vaccinated against brucellosis. Removes unvaccinated female cattle of a beef breed from indemnity and penalty provisions.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued
REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Removes the same prohibitions against the sale, offer for sale, importation, or maintenance or control for breeding of female cattle that have not been vaccinated against brucellosis for dairy breeds, as well as the indemnity reference.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued
REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

BACKGROUND:

Brucellosis is an infectious disease caused by bacteria that mainly infect cattle, swine, goats, sheep, bison, and dogs. The bacteria can spread to humans through consumption of raw or unpasteurized dairy or meat products or through breathing in the bacteria, which most commonly occurs in slaughterhouses, meat-packing facilities, and laboratories. Human symptoms can include fever, joint pain, and fatigue, and can be treated with antibiotics though treatment can take months and infection can recur.

Veterinarians and animal health officials administer the RB51 brucellosis vaccine to produce an immune response that increases an animal's resistance to the disease. Studies report that the vaccine typically protects 70 to 80 percent of vaccinated cattle from infection. Following vaccination, the animal receives a tattoo on the ear to visually signify vaccination.

Senate Bill 57 would remove the prohibitions against the sale, offer for sale, importation, or maintenance or control for breeding of female cattle of a beef breed that have not been vaccinated against brucellosis.