

Submitter: Donna Torres

On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and  
Water

Measure: HB2238

I oppose HB 2238 which modifies how the Department of State Lands (DSL) establishes fees for their removal-fill programs.

To my knowledge, the various farmer and/or rancher organizations were not engaged in the development of this bill, and to my knowledge, there was little to no stakeholder engagement in the decision to move the entire fee program of DSL from statute to rule.

I do not believe that the state legislature should delegate legislative authority to administrative agencies. Currently these fees are in statute, and it is within the scope of your legislative authority to set those rates and you should not delegate that authority away.

I encourage the committee to oppose this legislation and retain your legislative authority to set removal-fill program fees. Thank you for your time.