

SB 1019 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure increases the maximum fee for activating a brand from \$100 to \$150 and increases the brand inspection fee from \$1.35 to \$1.75 per head. The measure also exempts dairy cattle from brand inspection requirements and replaces the definition of “licensed feedlot.” The Brand Inspection Program is repealed on January 2, 2028, and authorizes counties to establish brand programs.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 amendment increases the activation fee to \$200. Removes term “large feedlot” and replaces it with the term “feedlot.”

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Agriculture (ODA) houses a Brand Inspection (also known as ownership inspection) Program that is required for cattle, whether or not they are branded, to verify ownership in specific instances, such as when there is a change of ownership, before shipment out of state, before sale at auction, before slaughter, and for annual cattle inspection. Brand Inspection consists of ODA’s examination of brands, tags, breed, flesh marks, coloring, sex, age, or other distinguishing characteristics of livestock, as well as documents and other evidence of ownership that ultimately results in the issuance or refusal to issue a brand inspection certificate. If livestock owners elect to brand their cattle or horses, the brand must be registered with ODA. Brand inspection fees are currently paid to ODA.