

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **SB 1019**

### **Relating to brands**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Owens

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SB 1019 makes changes to the livestock brand registration and inspection program and increases fees for registration, renewal, and inspection, effective August 1, 2025.

Additionally, the measure authorizes the Department of Agriculture to contract for services relating to brand inspection and to establish a self-inspection program by rule.

Lastly, the measure directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study the brand program and report to the Legislature. The –A7 amendment adjusts the due date of the report from October 31, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

The brand inspection program has been operating at a deficit. The fee increases are anticipated to generate \$1.4 million in Other Funds revenue in the 2025-27 biennium and restore the program to self-sufficiency.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 1019 be amended by the –A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.