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RE: Senate Bill 1019

To whom it may concern:

I support Senate Bill 1019 as a rancher and hay grower in Southern Oregon.

With the brand department's current huge deficit weighing down upon the Oregon Department of Agriculture, it is obvious to see change is needed. There is a laundry list of problems and inefficiencies which plague the brand department.

SB 1019, with the "sunset" provision, will allow and demand that more problem solving to take place. Producers and the brand department will be forced to devise workable solutions to address the financial burden, and other inefficiencies, the current system places upon producers and upon the State of Oregon. Allowing the counties to manage their own respective brand programs, as a fail safe, is also appreciated.

SB 1019 will provide a timely, temporary solution, but more importantly, will provide the momentum for change to take place as ranchers, producers, and the brand department come together in the future as the sunset looms.

Thank you for your advanced consideration of my written testimony in favor of SB1019.

Cordially
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