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Hello I'm Heather Teixeira, I am with Teixeira Cattle Co. and we are a cow calf operation. We are in support of the SB 976, Allowing us to preg check our own animals is a critical part of our operation. We preg check the cows and anything that's in question, we have a vet come in to recheck. Our own vet offered to help us learn the ultrasound prep checking device. There have been several times when we have had a vet come out and preg check our cattle and call them open, when in fact they were carrying a calf, they administered a drug to get them to cycle, which then aborted calves. I would rather take the time to preg check my own animals, knowing I take the extra time and care with my animals. To preg check my cattle, we are already invested in their wellbeing and safety, and take the extra effort to make sure they are well provided for.