



April 12, 2025

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Senator Jeff Golden

Senator Todd Nash

Senator Fred Girod

Senator Floyd Prozanski

Senator Kathleen Taylor

RE: Support of HB 3141; Amendment to Reflect Oregon Rancher and Livestock Commodity Farmers

Dear Committee Members,

Advocates For Animal & Land Interests, AFALI, would like to express its strong support for House Bill 3141, which designates the third Tuesday of March as *Oregon Farmer and Rancher Day*. It is long overdue that the State of Oregon formally recognizes and celebrates the individuals and families who form the backbone of our state's agricultural heritage and economy.

With that being said, we respectfully suggest that House Bill 3141 be amended to ensure a more balanced recognition of the agricultural contributions from ranchers and livestock commodity farmers. The bill currently highlights crops such as blackberries, blueberries, and hazelnuts, which underrepresents the substantial contributions from Oregon's ranchers and livestock commodity farmers.

According to the state's 2024 Oregon Agricultural Statistics, cattle and calves ranked as Oregon's second-highest agricultural commodity, with a production value of \$791.5 million; and milk ranked fourth with \$724.9 million. These commodities significantly surpassed the value of the crops celebrated in HB 3141's current language.

AFALI proposes amended language to House Bill 3141 to reflect Oregon livestock commodities alongside crops. By incorporating this amendment, HB 3141 will more accurately honor the spectrum of Oregon agriculture commodities, ensuring that ranchers and livestock commodity farmers inclusively receive the recognition they deserve.

An alternative would be to omit lines 12-16, and amend this paragraph to read:

"Whereas Oregon farmers and ranchers' unparalleled pride for their product has elevated the status

of this state's great agricultural products across the country and around the globe, and that commitment to quality leads consumers throughout the United States and beyond to seek out Oregon's agricultural commodities; and"

With either amendment, Advocates For Animal & Land Interests urges you to vote in support of HB 3141 and thanks you for your continued support of Oregon's agricultural communities.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Advocates for Animal and Land Interests (AFALI)

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Advocates For Animal & Land Interests (AFALI) is an Oregon-based domestic nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting land ownership rights, supporting responsible livestock and companion animal practices, and advocating for fair, balanced policies that safeguard these essential interests. AFALI is committed to:

- Defending the rights of individuals to responsibly breed, own, and care for companion animals and livestock;
- Protecting land use rights for property owners;
- Monitoring legislative and regulatory actions that affect agricultural, rural, and animal-related communities; and
- Educating the public about the laws and policies that impact animal ownership and land stewardship.

We believe that knowledge is power, and AFALI works to empower Oregonians with the information and resources they need to make informed decisions that protect both their animals and their land.