

Legislative Update

South Dakota Stockgrowers Association

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Stockgrowers' Legislative Issues

We are continuing to work with Rep. May on several pieces of Brand Board legislation. Those will be finalized and introduced next week. The ideas we're putting in bill form include improvements to the Brand Board representation and nomination process; Removing the requirement that the Brand Board be headquartered in Pierre; Requiring/defining a Chief Brand Inspector in statute; and requiring certain thresholds be met clearing holds before and held funds are freed for Brand Board use.

New legislation this week includes SB 173 to provide a landowner-on-own-land license for antlerless elk; HB 1145 to modify the brand laws relative to inspections; HB 1185 and HB 1190 to improve landowner protections relative to projects with condemnation authority; and HB 1186 which improves landowner rights relative to carbon pipeline projects.

The process to draft a workable foreign ownership or control of agricultural land (FOAL) bill continues. The latest draft says a "Prohibited entity" (a foreign entity, foreign government, or foreign person from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) may not own, lease, or hold an easement on agricultural land in SD except for agricultural research (360 acre limit) or contract livestock feeding (40 acre limit). Beyond that, other foreign entities are limited to owning 160 acres of agricultural land (current law) but may lease as much land as they wish.

If you have any questions or comments about this week's report or about activities in Pierre, please feel free to contact me at murphy@rushmore.com

Best regards,
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Legislation of Interest

Following are the bills that have been introduced that may impact Stockgrowers. You can read the bill text and actions by clicking on the blue bill number. Bill status is noted in the status column. DP

Status	Bill	Title
DP Sen.	SB 14	expand authorization for the conditional taking of coyotes from snowmobiles.
1/30 S. Comm.	SB 58	revise provisions regarding money transmission.
	SB 102	revise the process for annexing or excluding property contiguous to a road district.
	SB 173	provide a landowner-on-own-land license for antlerless elk.
	HB 1145	modify brand registration and use laws.
	HB 1185	amend provisions regarding entry on private property for examination and survey of a project requiring a siting permit.
	HB 1186	define the requirements for granting a carbon pipeline easement.
	HB 1190	establish public use criteria for purposes of condemnation proceedings.

= "Do Pass" DNP = "Do Not Pass" "41st day" means a bill has been killed.