

## Testimony SB2139

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Testimony in opposition for SB2139

To the Honorable Chairman and the members of the committee, we submit these remarks on behalf of DRC.

Mr Chairman,

We stand in opposition to this increase not because there is not a need for the increase, but because of the increase in the fee. We would respectfully request that you ensure you are not adding too much of a burden to our ranchers and that you add a 20% increase rather than a 100% increase. Another option could be that you add language to ensure that you will not raise the branding fee for at least 5-10 years.

Our ranchers would like assurance that this is not going to be a regular issue of increasing our fees.

We Recommend Do Not Pass unless with amendments