

Chairman Luick and Members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee,

We would ask that you recommend a DO NOT PASS on SB 2148.

The amendment in this bill would ultimately raise costs for livestock owners.

With the estray funds being moved into unclaimed property, who then would be responsible if someone came forward to establish ownership? How would the money be returned to the rightful owners?

The North Dakota Stockmen's Association is involved in the entire process of brand inspection and estrays and incur the costs as well.

This bill will be of no benefit to livestock owners in the state and will result in an increase cost of the brand inspection program.

Thank you for your time,

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