

Bill 2134

I am writing in opposition of bill 2134. This bill regulating the placement of beehives would do little to nothing to stop bees from crossing roads. Bees will fly as far as 3 miles or more to reach flowering or pollen bearing plants. When they come back to their hive with a payload of honey or pollen they are too heavy to fly at a distance high enough to avoid vehicles. Usually, bees are placed on a piece of ground that is not utilized by a farmer or rancher. These locations also require water for the bees to keep their hives cool. In the western half of the State trying to find a location that has water yet isn't going to interfere with farming or ranching practices can be difficult. In most cases the landowners will show you where they would like you to place the hives. Not allowing bees to be placed where the landowner wants them is a complete violation of his right to farm. This bill is nothing more than a gateway for other bills regulating what farmers and ranchers can do with their property. Please vote no on Bill 2134.

Thanks,

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