

Senator Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee

I'm Frank Tomac, rancher in Sioux County;

I am opposed to SB 2139.

Doubling the brand recording fee is not necessary and puts an additional burden on the cattle producers of the state of North Dakota especially producers like me that have multiple brands to accommodate my kids.

There are currently over 21,000 brands recorded in North Dakota, and renewed every 5 years. At the current rate of \$25/brand, that's \$105,000/ year. In my estimation, that's more than adequate money to pay for the full-time brand recorder and an office space to do that recording. Especially with the ease of electronic brand recording.

I ask you please vote with a Do Not Pass recommendation.

Thank You,

Frank